

On 3/24/11, Los Angeles County District Attorney's office filed a criminal complaint citing 5 counts of 1871.4(a)(1) insurance fraud. An arrest warrant was issued on that date.

On 4/23/11, he was arrested by LAPD and is being held in lieu of \$150,000 bail.

CASE SUMMARY

Luis Felipe Lope was hired on 7/7/10 as a Service Advisor for David Ellis Chrysler/Plymouth in Canoga Park, CA. This employer is a member of the Auto Dealers Compensation (ADCOMP) self insured group.

On 8/4/10, Lope alleged an injury to his low back while pushing a disabled vehicle.

On 8/24/10, Lope told the claims adjuster, Ellery Arambulo of our Pasadena office, that he injured his low back while pushing a car on 8/4/10.

On 12/17/10, the employer informed the claims adjuster that they viewed surveillance videotape of the alleged incident and that the videotape clearly shows Lope sitting in the driver's seat steering the vehicle while 3 co-employees pushed the vehicle. At no time was Lope observed pushing the vehicle. Each of the co-employees signed a written statement essentially refuting Lope's description of the injury. A notice denying further benefits was sent on 12/23/10.

Lope received conservative medical treatment. He made material false statements to his medical providers. He also denied prior injury to his low back to the medical providers. An ISO report revealed prior low back claims.

SIU referred this case to Los Angeles County District Attorney's office on 2/10/11.

We will keep you updated as the case progresses.