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Sedgwick county man sentenced for insurance fraud

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced a Sedgwick county man has been sentenced to 24 months of probation for insurance and identity fraud.

Marquez Gails, age 43, pleaded guilty on January 9, 2026, in Sedgwick County District Court to one felony count of fraudulent insurance act and one felony count of identity theft. Gails fraudulently used another individual's identity to purchase a vehicle and auto insurance for the vehicle. Gails used the fraudulent insurance policy to receive a payout for damages to the vehicle. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 24 months probation with 24 months of underlying prison time if probation is violated. He was ordered to pay \$12,860 restitution.

"Insurance fraud costs all Kansans in the form of increased premiums every year," Schmidt said. "The Department will continue pursuing penalties against anyone committing insurance fraud in Kansas."

The Kansas Department of Insurance investigated this case which was prosecuted by the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

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*The Kansas Department of Insurance was established in 1871, currently led by Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. The mission of the Department is to **regulate** companies that sell policies in Kansas to ensure solvency and compliance with state law, **educate** consumers about all things insurance and securities, and **advocate** for a strong and competitive market to give Kansans choices when shopping for products that meet their needs.*