



# Kansas Department of Insurance

Commissioner Vicki Schmidt

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## Cherokee County man sentenced for insurance fraud

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

Chad Ashe, aged 43, pleaded guilty on January 21, 2026, in Cherokee County District Court to one felony count of insurance fraud. Following a car accident, Ashe added collision coverage to his policy and filed a claim falsely stating the date and time of the accident. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced on April 8, 2026, to 24 months of probation and was fined \$1,000.

“Every time someone commits insurance fraud, it causes families and businesses across Kansas to pay more,” said Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. “The Department will continue to hold these individuals accountable.”

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.*