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Guilty Plea in Worker's Compensation Grand Larceny Case



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that JOSEPH TORRE, 51, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Court this morning.

Between February 4, 2008 and May 8, 2015, TORRE stole property from the New York State Insurance Fund located at 1 Watervliet Avenue Extension in the County of Albany. Specifically, TORRE fraudulently received payments totaling to the amount of approximately \$151,600.00 for Worker's Compensation while he was employed as an owner at Unlimited Construction Services, LLC.

Additionally, on May 8, 2015, at a hearing with the New York State Compensation Board in the Village of Menands, TORRE swore under oath that he was not employed when in fact he had been employed at his construction company.

TORRE faces 5 years of Probation when sentenced on April 5, 2019. Additionally, TORRE will have to pay \$151,600 in restitution to the New York State Insurance Fund and waive any future worker's compensation payments and medical payments in connection with his insurance claim.

Assistant District Attorney Michael Wetmore of the Financial Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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