



## **Texas Mutual Insurance Company reports two Travis County indictments for premium fraud**

AUSTIN, Texas—Texas Mutual Insurance Company recently reported indictments on two workers' comp premium fraud cases.

In the first case, a Travis County grand jury indicted Keith Witt of Bulverde, Kevin Hyland of San Antonio, Hi-Serve, Inc. (doing business as Winco of South Texas), and Winco Building Services LLC on workers' compensation fraud-related charges. In the second case, a Travis County grand jury indicted Margaret and Mauricio Garcia and HHDP Security on workers' compensation fraud-related charges.

In the first case, the two indicted companies are San Antonio-based window-cleaning companies that perform services on ground-level and high-rise buildings. The indictments allege that at various times between June 29, 2005 and September 28, 2011, Witt, Hyland and the companies made misrepresentations regarding payroll and operations to Texas Mutual and Service Lloyds Insurance Company.

In the second case, the indictments allege that between May 28, 2005 and April 25, 2011, the Garcias and HHDP Security made misrepresentations regarding the payroll and operations of HHDP Security and a related company, Houston Harris Division Patrol, Inc. These security guard companies are headquartered in Houston, with an additional office in Dallas.

The Texas Department of Insurance Division of Workers' Compensation prosecutor in Travis County presented the case for indictment.

Workers' compensation insurance premium is based, in part, on payroll and the work performed. An employer who misrepresents payroll and operations receives a lower premium. Using this workers' compensation fraud scheme could give an employer an unfair advantage over competitors, and negatively affect all involved in the workers' compensation system.