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Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced the arrest and filing of charges against Daniel John Sifuentez, age 28. Sifuentez was arrested by detectives from the Fraud Division of California Department of Insurance on July 24, 2013. A complaint was filed by the District Attorney's Office alleging two counts of felony Workers' Compensation Fraud under Insurance Code section 1871.4(a)(1), two counts of Insurance Fraud under Penal Code section 550(b)(3), and one count of Perjury under Penal Code section 118. The defendant is scheduled for arraignment on September 4, 2013 in Department 8 of the Superior Court.

Prosecuting attorney Gary Gemberling stated that, "Insurance fraud is an under-reported crime. The perception is that there is no victim because it is an insurance company. The reality is that the consumer pays more for insurance, food, services, and other necessary items because of insurance fraud." District Attorney Dudley added, "This office will continue to aggressively investigate and prosecute insurance fraud and other white collar crimes because of the inevitable impact on households throughout Santa Barbara County."

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