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Re: *The People of the State of California v. Robert Carlos Valdez*
Prosecutor: Deputy District Attorney Gary Gemberling

On October 13, 2011, Robert Carlos Valdez pled guilty to one felony count of providing a False Statement, Representation or Concealment in violation of Unemployment Insurance Code section 2101(a), and one felony count of Grand Theft in violation of Penal Code section 487(a).

Deputy District Attorney Gary Gemberling, the prosecutor on the case, commented that “these types of crimes can often go unnoticed. The criminal investigators with the Employment Development Department conducted an outstanding investigation. District Attorney Dudley has made prosecution of these types of cases and other types of fraud cases a priority for our office.”

In an investigation conducted by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Employment Development Department, it was discovered that between May 19, 2009, and January 8, 2010, Mr. Valdez submitted four Medical Extension forms to the Employment Development Department in which Mr. Valdez had forged his doctor’s signature in order to continue to receive Disability Insurance payments from the State of California. Mr. Valdez received 17 fraudulently issued checks which totaled \$18,253.44.

Mr. Valdez is scheduled to be sentenced on November 16, 2011 and will be ordered to make full restitution.

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