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Glass Company Owner Arrested for False Insurance Claims and Identity Theft

Phoenix – On November 30, 2016, the Arizona Department of Insurance Fraud Division arrested 20-year-old Gilbert Martinez, owner of Gilligan's Auto Glass, on allegations of fraud schemes, insurance fraud, aggravated identity theft and theft.

The allegations involve Martinez's unauthorized use of several insureds' personal information, details of their auto insurance company and vehicle information, all taken from another glass company's business where Martinez formerly worked. Gilbert Martinez is alleged to have started Gilligan's Auto Glass in June 2016 and then allegedly reported false windshield-replacement claims to an insurance company posing as the insureds. So far, the investigation involves 33 known victims whose identities were used without their knowledge to make false claims. The insurance company paid out over \$19,000 on the alleged false claims. The investigation is continuing with the hopes of locating other victims and insurance companies involved. The investigation will be submitted to the Arizona Attorney General's Office for prosecution.

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The Arizona Department of Insurance, an agency of the State of Arizona, is responsible for the education and protection of insurance consumers and for oversight of the insurance industry in this state.