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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **INSURANCE AGENT ARRESTED FOR STEALING \$80,000 OF PREMIUMS**

**Phoenix, AZ** – It seems that between March 2016 and January 2017, Ms. Rosita Johns diverted over \$80,000.00 in premiums paid by two companies towards their workers' compensation and general liability insurance policies.

On August 10, 2016, Burke Construction Group Inc. filed a complaint with the Arizona Department of Insurance Consumer Protection Division concerning the theft of \$11,200 it paid to Ms. Johns for a surety bond. Johns never issued the bond and appears to have diverted the funds for her personal use. On October 25, 2016, the Department revoked her individual insurance license as well as the licenses of three of her business entities. It was at that time, the Consumer Protection Division referred the case to the Department's Fraud Division.

Further investigation by the Fraud Division uncovered another victim, which paid more than \$69,470 for workers compensation, general liability, and automobile policies. Ms. Johns did not forward the premiums to the insurance company and policies were not issued. Again, it appears John's diverted the funds for her personal use.

On April 5, 2017, Johns was taken into custody and booked into the Maricopa County Jail for theft and insurance fraud. The Fraud Division's investigation is ongoing as additional victims are being identified.

The investigation is being submitted to the Arizona Attorney General's Office for prosecution.