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## Texas Attorney Prosecuted for Shady Claims

(Fort Worth) – Former Texas attorney R. Kent Livesay was sentenced to 5 years in prison today by Tarrant County Magistrate Judge Rainey Webb following a plea with Tarrant County prosecutors. Livesay pled guilty to Insurance Fraud and Barratry, stemming from a scheme involving fraudulent lawsuits filed after hail storms.

A Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) investigation led to the charges against the former attorney, who at one time had offices in Arlington and McAllen. Investigators found multiple cases where Livesay had filed lawsuits against insurance companies over roof claims following storms without the homeowners' knowledge or consent.

In addition to the prison sentence, Livesay must pay restitution to victims and testify against other participants in the scheme. Livesay must also surrender his law license.

"Texas attorneys take a solemn oath to uphold the laws of this state," said Criminal District Attorney Sharen Wilson. "Breaking that oath to game the system for a quick buck is an unacceptable abuse of trust."

The case was prosecuted by Tarrant County Assistant Criminal District Attorney Matt Smid.

"This was a great team effort by our prosecutors, TDI prosecutor Doug Wallace, and TDI investigators Kyle Pisula, Mark Pardaen, Chris Yates, and Victor Rojo," said Smid. "We hope this sentence sends a message that this conduct will not be tolerated in our county."

Tarrant County is one of six locations around the state where TDI has embedded prosecutors and investigators in district attorneys' offices focused on fighting insurance fraud.

TDI investigators are certified peace officers and work closely with law enforcement authorities around the state. You can report suspected cases of insurance fraud by calling 1-800-252-3439 or by visiting [www.tdi.texas.gov/fraud/](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/fraud/).

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