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INFORMATION RELEASE

Deputy Arrested for Worker's Compensation Insurance Fraud

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Solano County Sheriff's Office

Solano County Deputy Sheriff Michael Oster was taken into custody today on a felony arrest warrant by agents of California Department of Insurance, Fraud Division, with the assistance of Investigators employed by the Solano County Sheriff's Office. Oster was arrested without incident and has been charged with 2 counts of Insurance Fraud, a felony offense. Immediately following his arrest Oster was booked into the Sacramento County Jail, where bail was set at \$10,000. Oster, a 49- year old resident of Elk Grove, has been employed by the Solano County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff since October, 2001. Due to his November, 2007 claim of a work related injury, Oster has been unable to report to work for the Solano County Sheriff's Office. It is alleged by Investigators that while off work and receiving disability compensation, Oster fraudulently misrepresented his employment status, allowing him to collect approximately \$87,800 in overpayment of disability benefit. Oster will be temporarily placed on administrative leave while the Sheriff's Office conducts an administrative investigation of the alleged criminal conduct.

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