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Travis County Grand Jury Indicts San Antonio Trucking Company on Workers' Compensation Fraud-Related Charges

AUSTIN, Texas – A Travis County grand jury has indicted Frances Hall, the former co-owner of Bill Hall Jr. Trucking Ltd., a large gravel-hauling business in San Antonio, for workers' compensation fraud-related charges.

Frances Hall and her now deceased husband, Bill Hall Jr., obtained workers' comp insurance from Texas Mutual Insurance Company from October 2009 to February 2016. During this time, Frances provided false payroll information to Texas Mutual auditors to avoid paying over \$9 million in premium. Texas Mutual began to investigate the company when claims and payroll documentation could not be reconciled. The investigation resulted in Texas Mutual filing a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance's Division of Workers' Compensation, who later referred the case to the Travis County District Attorney's Office.

On June 30, 2022, a Travis County grand jury indicted Frances Hall for securing execution of document by deception, a first-degree felony. According to Travis County records, Frances Hall turned herself into Bexar County authorities on August 2, 2022.

Because workers' compensation insurance premium is based in part on payroll, this type of scheme results in an employer being charged a lower premium than what is truly owed. By hiding payroll, an employer can gain an unfair advantage over competitors.

Note: A grand jury indictment is a formal accusation – not a conviction – of criminal conduct.

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