

[Orange County District Attorney Arrests Twelve in Insurance Over-billing Scheme](#)

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Twelve individuals, most of them chiropractors, were arrested in Orange County, California and will be charged in relation to an [insurance over-billing scheme](#). The arrests resulted from a sting operation that targeted illegal patient referral and insurance over-billing tactics by Orange County, California physicians and attorneys.

The district attorney’s office, working from a list provided by the National Insurance Crime Bureau, sent out 248 letters to suspect health care providers, offering them an opportunity to engage in an illegal fee-splitting arrangement with a fake attorney.

The proposal was that the medical provider would pay a percentage of a referred patient’s billings as a “referral fee” to the attorney. Undercover agents then went into the practitioners’ offices claiming to be accident victims suffering from soft-tissue damage.

Twenty of the medical professionals contacted responded, and twelve were ultimately arrested.

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