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## Bondsman Arrested, Accused of Filing Forged Court Motion

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RALEIGH, N.C., Nov. 7 -- The North Carolina Department of Insurance issued the following news release:

Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin today announced the arrest of Steve Anthony Harrison, 42, of 206 Pinegate Circle, Cl with one felony count of attempting to obtain property by false pretense and one felony count of forging a name to a petition.

Department of Insurance criminal investigators allege that on or about May 11, 2011, while serving as a bail bondsman, Harris aside bond forfeiture on a \$1,000 bond in Chatham County. In filing that motion, investigators allege that Harrison forged the r the "moving party" without that attorney's consent or knowledge.

Harrison was arrested on Oct. 17 in Chatham County and released on an unsecured bond. He is scheduled to appear in Chatha 14, 2011.

The Department of Insurance employs 20 sworn state law enforcement officers dedicated to investigating and prosecuting clair bonding fraud. Since Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin took office in 2008, criminal investigators have received more th resulting in 550 arrests, 300 criminal convictions, and more than 115 cases currently pending a court appearance. These arrest than \$47.6 million in restitution and recoveries for victims.

An estimated 10 cents of every dollar paid in premiums goes toward the payment of fraudulent claims. To report suspected fra Department of Insurance Criminal Investigations Division at 919-807-6840. Callers may remain anonymous. Information is also [www.ncdoi.com](http://www.ncdoi.com).

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