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Salinas Business Owners Sentenced to Probation and Pay \$10,000 for Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud

People v. Angel Musones & Navid Homami

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Angel Musones, a 51-year-old resident of Salinas, and Navid Homami, a 45-year-old resident of Monterey, pled no contest on June 26, 2019 to operating their private security guard business – Mile High Security - without having workers' compensation insurance. Judge Thomas Wills sentenced both men to 3 years' court probation and ordered them to each pay \$10,000 in criminal penalties.

The District Attorney's Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit opened an investigation of Mile High Security in December 2018. It was determined that Mile High Security, LLC, started doing business in September 2018. The company advertised and operated itself as a private patrol operator without having a valid license to do so. Interviews with Homami and Musones confirmed that they did had as many as 8 employed security guards but did not have workers' compensation insurance – a misdemeanor violation of Labor Code section 3700.5. The District Attorney filed criminal charges on May 14, 2019.

The case was investigated by District Attorney Investigator George Costa.