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## Man sentenced for falsely collecting workers' compensation

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A former Framingham resident and TJX employee pleaded guilty yesterday to charges he schemed to falsely collect workers' compensation benefits and lied under oath, officials said today.

Nelson Morillo, 32, who now lives in Florida, changed a not-guilty plea he gave at an arraignment in May and pleaded guilty Wednesday to two counts of workers' compensation fraud, according to a press release from the attorney general's office. He was sentenced to a year in jail, three years probation and ordered to pay the \$3,960 in workers' compensation benefits he allegedly collected but was not entitled to.

In December 2003, officials said Morillo was injured while working as an asbestos technician for Marcor Holdings, Inc., of Wilmington and consequently received total disability benefits from his employer's insurance company, Zurich North American Insurance Company (Zurich), through March 2004. During part of that time, Morillo was allegedly employed full-time with TJX Companies, Inc., at its headquarters in Framingham.

He was given a medical exam and cleared to work without restriction in April 2004, which ended his total disability benefits.

In an attempt to obtain partial disability benefits for his Dec. 2003 injuries, officials said Morillo reopened his claim in March 2005 and underreported his work hours despite being employed full-time at TJX.

At a hearing held two months later in which Morillo allegedly gave false testimony regarding his work hours and duties at TJX, the Massachusetts Department of Industrial Accidents ordered Zurich to provide Morillo partial disability benefits.

However, through their own investigation, the insurance company found multiple discrepancies between the Employee Earnings Report submitted by Morillo in June 2005 and employment records at TJX, including his dates of employment, hours worked and job classification, according to officials.

Morillo also pleaded guilty to one count of perjury, officials said. The sentence for that charge was suspended for three years by Suffolk Superior Court Judge Carol Ball.

The case was referred to the attorney general's office by the Insurance Fraud Bureau of Massachusetts in July 2008. Morillo was indicted in March 2009.

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