

## Wake County Woman Charged With Insurance Fraud.

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Carmella Lee Rivera, 24, 2213 Robin St., Fuquay Varina has been charged with felony insurance fraud and felony attempting to obtain property by false pretense. The charges stem from an incident that occurred on Jan. 26, at Little Caesar's Pizza at 1320 N. Main St, Fuquay Varina, where Rivera was employed. According to Rivera, a ceiling tile fell and hit her on the head, causing personal injury. Rivera subsequently reported a worker's compensation claim to Employer Mutual Casualty Co.

Special agents from the N.C. Department of Insurance Criminal Investigations Division conducted interviews and reviewed video of the incident.

According to the arrest warrant, Rivera was not injured by the ceiling tile.

Rivera was arrested on April 28 in Wake County and placed under a \$6,000 secured bond.

Insurance fraud costs American consumers approximately \$80 billion dollars a year. According to Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey, fraud costs North Carolinians between 15 and 20 cents of every dollar paid on insurance premiums -- and it's getting worse.

"I am determined to stem the tide of insurance fraud in this state in order to save residents money," said Commissioner Causey. "That's why I am dedicated to the mission of our NCDI law enforcement officers who investigate and prosecute claims of insurance and bail bonding fraud."

To report suspected fraud, contact the N.C. Department of Insurance Criminal Investigation Division at 919-807-6840. Callers may remain anonymous. Information is also available at [www.ncdoi.com](http://www.ncdoi.com).