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## **Yonkers Cab Operator Hit With Comp Fraud Charges**

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A Yonkers man working as a livery cab driver allegedly cheated the New York State Insurance Fund out of more than \$9,000 in workers' compensation benefits while driving for a Yonkers car service.

Raphael Delossantos, 51, of Yonkers, NY, faces felony fraud charges of violating the Workers' Compensation Law, insurance fraud and offering a false instrument for filing following his arrest by New York State Police on January 8.

Mr. Delossantos' arrest came after a joint investigation by NYSIF's Division of Confidential Investigations, the New York State Insurance Department Frauds Bureau and the Office of the Workers' Compensation Board Fraud Inspector General.

Mr. Delossantos received workers' compensation payments of \$150 per week for an injury he sustained as a van driver for the Greystone Foundation. However, investigators said Mr. Delossantos received \$9,300 in payments from NYSIF allegedly while employed as a livery cab operator working for Family Car Service in Yonkers, NY.

During this time, he allegedly returned signed documents to NYSIF indicating that he had not returned to any form of work since sustaining his injury. Investigators estimated the potential future savings on Mr. Delossantos workers' compensation claim to be \$129,690 should he be found guilty.

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