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CASE STUDY

First Party - Automobile Insurance Fraud



Plaintiff claimed that her car was stolen from in front of her Washington home. Plaintiff's vehicle was discovered in a nearby lake with fire damage and broken windows. Plaintiff filed a lawsuit alleging negligence, bad faith and violation of the Consumer Protection Act when her insurance company refused to pay her claim.

At trial, SF&E presented testimony from a forensic expert, and a private investigator who testified that Plaintiff was deeply in debt, and had approached a family member for assistance in committing insurance fraud involving the same vehicle. SF&E demonstrated that the Plaintiff had no credible alibi and her versions of events were contradictory. The case was dismissed without Plaintiff collecting any damages, attorney fees, or costs.