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**Former Employee Pleads Guilty to Workers Compensation Fraud**

(Jan. 9, 2008) A former employee pled guilty on January 7, 2008 in Los Angeles Superior Court to one count of felony workers' compensation insurance fraud. Eloise Catalano accepted workers' compensation benefits while simultaneously operating a catering business.



Eloise Catalano

Catalano, a programmer analyst in the ITS department when she was terminated in November 2005, did not report her business earnings to Metro, as required by law.

The judge accepted her plea and sentenced her to one year in county jail, which was eventually suspended. Catalano was also sentenced to five years of formal felony probation. She will be required to perform 200 hours of community service, pay court fees and pay \$20,000 in restitution to Metro.

Catalano began working for Metro in May 2000.