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## Press Release

### Insurance Fraud Bureau and DA Morrissey renew partnership

### IFB gives Norfolk DA grant to counter insurance fraud

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*Insurance Fraud Bureau Chief of Investigations Anthony M. DiPaolo, left, and Executive Director Daniel J. Johnston, right, presented Norfolk DA Michael Morrissey with the grant check to renew their partnership for another year.*

Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey has been awarded a grant from the Insurance Fraud Bureau to continue a successful partnership designed to suppress and prosecute automobile insurance fraud in Norfolk County.

"This is a good example of how public/private partnerships can make government better and make people safer," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Before this program began in 2005, the problem of people staging accidents to collect insurance payouts was hitting consumers financially, but also causing injury."

The grant helps underwrite investigations and prosecutions of staged accidents and fraudulent claims county-wide, but in special partnership with police in Randolph and Quincy, Morrissey said.

"This Insurance Fraud Bureau has been pleased to continue working so closely with District Attorney Mike Morrissey's office this year. Eliminating insurance fraud is our goal, and doing so lowers premiums for everyone," IFB executive director Daniel Johnston said. "In Quincy and Randolph, we have seen 120 people charged with allegations of fraud, and citizens in these towns have saved over \$110 million in lower premiums since we started this effort in 2005"

Morrissey also credited the good work of detectives in Randolph and Quincy, and the police chiefs in those communities who dedicated resources to these investigations. "Chief William Pace in Randolph and Chief Paul Keenan in Quincy understand the importance of these cases to the communities they serve, and their commitment shows it."