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## MEMORANDUM FOR: Write Your Own (WYO) Principal Coordinators and the NFIP Servicing Agent

FROM: WYO Clearinghouse

SUBJECT: Fraud Alert

National Flood Insurance Program

A homeowner in Cocoa Beach, FL, has been arrested on a charge of insurance fraud in connection with a claim filed after Hurricane Frances last September, according to a report posted March 9 on <u>www.claimsguides.com</u>, an online service of *Insurance Journal*.

Details about the alleged fraudulent claim are available at <u>http://www.claimsguides.com/news/southeast/2005/03/09/52428.htm</u>.

In a second report posted March 11, a Jather and son insurance brokerage team had their licenses revoked by the Georgia Insurance Commissioner for allegedly selling bogus commercial auto coverage. Details are available at

http://www.claimsguides.com/news/southeast/2005/03/11/52505.htm.

Please share this information with your staff as a reminder of the need to remain alert for indications of fraudulent activities.

cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, WYO Standards Committee, Government Technical Representative

Suggested Routing: Claims, Underwriting