

Company Couldn't Cut Disabled Worker's Benefits, So It 'Went Rogue' and Had Him Arrested, Lawyer Says

Over the past 15 years, Key Risk Insurance Co. has made multiple trips to courts and before the North Carolina Industrial Commission to argue that Mario Seguro-Suarez has been faking his symptoms from an on-the-job injury and that his benefits should be cut off.

The Charlotte Observer reports documents show that the company disregarded years of medical opinions – including several from its own doctors – that Seguro-Suarez was indeed left disabled from his fall at a Southern Fiber factory. The 2003 head-first fall from 18 feet onto a concrete floor left him disabled.

After years of failing to cut off payments to Seguro-Suarez, the insurance company's private detective "took what a detective would describe as misleading information to Lincolnton police to accuse Seguro-Suarez of insurance fraud. He was arrested, jailed and later indicted," reporter Michael Gordon writes.

That attempt drew a withering rebuke from a judge, and now Seguro-Suarez is suing for malicious prosecution.

Read the *Charlotte Observer* article.