



Agreement



Suspects



Activity



Victim/Witness

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Review

Review Fraud Details Before Submission

Suspect

Suspect Type	Claimant
Suspect Business Name	Rockingham County
First Name	Kevin
Last Name	Berger
Mailing Address Line 1	371 Hush Hickory Trace
City	Reidsville
State	North Carolina
ZIP Code	27320
County	Rockingham
White	Yes

Suspect Type	Claimant
Suspect Business Name	Rockingham County
First Name	Mark
Last Name	Richardson
Mailing Address Line 1	4798 Ellisboro Road
City	Stokesdale
State	North Carolina

ZIP Code	27357
County	Rockingham

Suspect Type	Claimant
Suspect Business Name	Rockingham County
First Name	Don
Last Name	Powell
Mailing Address Line 1	636 King Street
City	Reidsville
State	North Carolina
ZIP Code	27320
County	Rockingham

Activity

North Carolina County Where Fraud Occurred	Rockingham
Date Fraud Occurred	01/07/2026
Fraud Type Suspected	Insurance
Insurance Type	Other Type of Insurance
Claim Number	F1H6709
Is There Monetary Loss?	Yes
Details of Loss	Personal legal fees paid by county insurance policy to defend civil action against them in their individual capacities

Incident Address Line 1	371 NC Hwy 65
City	Reidsville
State	North Carolina
ZIP Code	27320
Description of Fraud	<p>Current Rockingham County Commissioners Kevin Berger and Mark Richardson and former Commissioner Don Powell were sued in their personal/individual capacities for defamatory statements they made in political ads and otherwise while campaigning for office during the 2024 Republican primary election. The civil action by the plaintiff, Craig Travis, in Wake County File No. 24CV018884-910 was explicitly brought against Berger, Richardson, and Powell in their personal/individual capacities for non-official conduct, and none of the defendants ever contended that they were being sued in an official capacity. However, Mr. Travis recently received a letter from Travelers (The Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company) regarding a claim made on Rockingham County's government insurance policy on behalf of Berger, Richardson, and Powell erroneously listing Mr. Travis as the claimant with an inexplicable date of loss of 7/10/2023 for payment of Berger, Richardson, and Powell's legal fees to their privately-retained law firm (Dowling PLLC) for defense regarding Mr. Travis's claims against them as individuals. When questioned about this claim during a Rockingham County Board of Commissioners</p>

meeting on 1/20/2026, Berger acknowledged that the claim had been submitted. Using Rockingham County resources to pay for personal and/or political expenses (i.e. defense against campaign-related defamation claims) violates North Carolina General Statute §§ 14-90, 14-91, 14-92, 153A-99(e), and 153A-456.

NICB	No
Other State Fraud Unit	No
Other Law Enforcement Agency	No
State District Attorney's Office	No
Other Agency / Attorney	No

Victim/Witness

Complainant Type	Citizen
First Name	Craig
Last Name	Travis
Phone Number Type	Cell
Phone Number	
Email Type	Personal
Email Address	
Contact Preference	Email

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