

Perjury Conviction for Lying About Involvement in Car Accident

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As recently reported in the Edmonton Journal and Sun, two women were recently convicted of perjury as a result of their fabricated evidence at an Examination for Discovery. The women claimed to have been involved in a motor vehicle accident in which there was only \$200 damage to their vehicle and of course, they both claimed personal injury. However, the Defendant driver was adamant that only one of the claimants was actually in the vehicle when the accident occurred. The personal injury claims proceeded to Examinations for Discovery after which the claimants' lawyer ceased to act, at least in part due to their incredible testimony. Their injury claims were dismissed by way of Summary Judgment and they were ordered to pay significant court costs. The Defendant's insurer, the Alberta Motor Association Insurance Company, contacted police and requested that perjury charges be laid against the claimants. With considerable pressure from the AMA, the police pursued the women and they both eventually plead guilty to perjury and were sentenced to 30 days in jail. Ironically, the alleged passenger advised the Court in the criminal proceeding that she went along with the story because she had been told it was easy to get money out of insurance companies.