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**SUFFOLK MAN'S MOTORCYCLE & HIS INSURANCE CLAIM  
LOSES TRACTION**

RICHMOND – A Suffolk, Va. man's motorcycle that crashed after slipping on loose gravel wasn't the only thing that lost traction when he attempted to make a false insurance claim.

The day after purchasing a new insurance policy on his 2005 Honda CBR1000RR, Winston Claxton made a claim to GEICO stating his motorcycle sustained damage when he slipped on loose gravel. An investigator with GEICO, discovered Claxton's motorcycle was actually sitting in a Virginia Beach motorcycle repair shop on the morning the crash allegedly occurred. Claxton had already put his bike in the body shop prior to taking out insurance on it.

Claxton was arrested by Special Agent Russell Eley, III, Virginia State Police, Insurance Fraud Program, and charged with Attempting to Obtain Money by False Pretenses. Claxton was found guilty of a misdemeanor count of this same offense on January 7, 2010, in Virginia Beach General District Court, placed on two years probation and required to pay court costs.

The VSP is committed to "Stamp Out" insurance fraud occurring in the Commonwealth. If you have knowledge of a fraudulent insurance scheme or suspect you may have been the victim of insurance fraud, report the activity to the Virginia State Police Insurance Fraud Program on the insurance fraud hotline at 1-877-62FRAUD (1-877-623-7283) or visit [www.stampoutfraud.com](http://www.stampoutfraud.com). Tipsters will remain anonymous and may also be eligible to receive a reward of up to \$25,000.