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# **MERRY CHRISTMAS**



# Jury Shocks Kaiser with a \$3.9 million Award to Whistle Blower

When Michael Martinucci MD, a radiologist, began working at the Sunset Blvd, Kaiser facility he began to initiate changes in the imaging department. But he ran into bureaucratic opposition.

He was forced to resign after he complained about the hospital's quality of care.

California law forbids medical employers from firing doctors for complaining about the standards of patient care.

Kaiser fiercely resisted the claim by arguing that Dr. Martinucci was a blatant racist and made lewd sexual advances to co workers.

The Jury clearly did not believe Kaiser's assertions and gave a huge award to the whistle-blowing doctor.

<u>Martinucci vs. Kaiser</u>, Los Angeles Superior Court.

Contact <u>Desiree@shawnsteel.com</u> if you want the original sources.

# Farmers the Scrooge is Sued for Stealing \$115 million from policyholders.

Farmers Insurance is charged with a massive scheme to charge policyholders an extra \$5.00 "service charge" on their monthly premiums.

Even Farmers agreed that they received \$115,556,827 from unwary customers.

The lawsuit claims Farmers violated CA law Section 17200 by charging a monthly service fee that it doesn't disclose as part of its premium. This can be a misdemeanor.

The Court of Appeals has decided that Farmers broke the law. The question for the jury will be to see if Farmers gets to keep the money.

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