

“Cash for Crash Leeds preacher” jailed – Ian Hudson prosecutes, Michael Collins defends

A local preacher who fabricated car crashes to fraudulently claim thousands of pounds from insurance companies has been jailed.

Charles Motondo pleaded guilty to three counts of fraud by misrepresentation and one count of money laundering back in April. On Friday, he was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment by HHJ Bayliss QC at Leeds Crown Court.

Prosecuting Barrister, Ian Hudson told the Court that Motondo targeted 3 separate Insurance Companies over several months. The frauds were pre-planned and sophisticated and on one occasion he used the identity of another person to take out an insurance policy. Several days later Montndo then contacted the Insurance Company to report an accident involving the vehicle in an attempt to claim the damages for himself.

Inconsistencies were identified in the claim and it was rejected and the matter was reported to the Police.

PSQB's Michael Collins was instructed to defend Motondo by Sugare & Co Solicitors.

The case attracted the attention of local and national media:

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