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## **Insurance Claim Recovery for Theft of BMW**

Our client's BMW was stolen and not recovered. Our client, who was insured for the loss under an automobile insurance policy with a national insurance company, filed a claim with her insurance carrier requesting payment under the policy for the value of the lost vehicle. The insurance company referred the claim to its Special Investigative Unit (SIU) for investigation. The SIU adjuster took statements from the insured and her family members, obtained extensive records from the insured, obtained the keys of the vehicle from the insured, and ultimately the claim was denied. The insurance company alleged that the insured made misrepresentations during the claims process and submitted a fraudulent claim. Upon denial of the claim, the insured retained our services. Litigation commenced. The insurance company made numerous allegations of wrongful conduct on the part of the insured, which we disproved. But the insurance company focused its defense primarily on its "expert's" reading of the electronic information contained in the car keys. The insured had testified that she had driven her car on the day of the theft to a local mall where the vehicle was stolen from. According to the expert's key readings, the vehicle was not driven on the day that the insured testified that the car was stolen. With the help of our expert on Auto Thefts and Keys and the testimony from a BMW representative we successfully proved that the subject key readings were unreliable. In addition, at the deposition of the SIU adjuster we obtained an admission from the adjuster that she recommended to the insurance carrier that the claim be honored, which recommendation was rejected by her supervisor. On the day prior to the start of trial the insurance company confessed judgment by paying the full value of the stolen BMW, compensating the insured for her inconvenience, and by paying all litigations costs and attorney's fees incurred by the insured.

Attorney J.P. Gonzalez-Sirgo has built his entire career on protecting the rights of insurance policyholders, personal injury and wrongful death victims and fighting for the rights of Florida consumers and small businesses. The firm has recovered millions of dollars for victims of denied or underpaid insurance claims, victims of catastrophic personal injuries and wrongful death and on behalf of those that have been taken advantage of by Big Business and Big Insurance. J.P. has been certified as a life member of the <u>Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum</u>. The Million Dollar Advocates Forum is recognized as one of the most prestigious groups

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