

## **Summary: False Claims to Bureau of Land Management**

**Report Date: December 15, 2015**

In a joint investigation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, we investigated allegations that a subject purchased mining claims from the Bureau of Land Management's California and Nevada State Offices using other peoples' names, and submitted fraudulent claims to BLM on behalf of several individuals. These individuals either did not exist, or did not authorize the subject to use their names. The subject then sold these false claims to victims for cash.

We substantiated the allegations. We found that the subject sold or attempted to sell fraudulent mining claims through various means, including false internet auction accounts. The subject admitted to falsifying geological reports to increase the price of his claims. Using various names and companies, the subject sold at least 12 fraudulent mining claims and received over \$30,000 from those sales.

On August 31, 2015, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California declined prosecution of this case.

This is a summary of information we provided to BLM for information only.

