

## Ohio boosting efforts to reduce Worker's Comp claims abuse

Macek: □'It was not right'

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For Scott Macek, defrauding the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation was easy. The Dayton native and Navy veteran said the only surprise for him was how simple it was.

"I thought it would be harder and that there would be more rules and regulations or something to stop you from gaming the system," Macek said.

Investigators for the state's Bureau of Worker's Compensation caught Macek on camera working for Kissel Brothers Rides as a mechanic at the Van Wert County Fair while he was claiming to be disabled with a back injury. He was illegally collecting both disability benefits and a paycheck.

Macek had been hurt in an earlier job, and began receiving worker's compensation. But after he began feeling better and took another job, he repeatedly signed documents stating he was not working, so the compensation checks continued to arrive.

Macek received four years in prison for the fraud.

"You go to the doctor, they write you 'off work,' (then you) find some job underneath the table, and you go to work," Macek said.

The Ohio BWC is increasing its efforts to publicize fraud enforcement as it seeks to reduce abuse that affects an estimated 5 to 10 percent of its cases.

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