

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 17, 2005--Farmers Insurance today again reiterated its statement made on Friday that it has not denied the insurance claim of Ms. Ethel Adams. Farmers wants to make it very clear to all concerned that this claim has not been denied and is still under investigation, awaiting critical pieces of information. One piece of evidence that is critical to closing the investigation into this complicated incident is the police report. Due to the criminal investigation, Farmers has been stymied in its efforts to get the information it needs while the police report has not yet been provided. Farmers hopes that the King County Sheriff Department will expedite processing this report so we can resolve this claim immediately following.

Farmers is in the business of paying claims, and makes approximately \$8 billion in claim payments each year. We have been committed to the state of Washington for more than 50 years. Farmers will do all it can to conclude this investigation as quickly as possible.

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