

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 14, 2005--Farmers Insurance is concerned that a column in Friday's Seattle Times incorrectly characterizes a current claim and has issued the following statement:

"Farmers Insurance today said it has not denied an insurance claim as stated in a column in today's edition of the Seattle Times. Farmers said it is unfortunate that comments made in this column do not represent Farmers' view. Farmers wants to make it very clear to all concerned that this claim has not been denied and is still under investigation. Farmers has twice attempted to make recent contacts with the insured's attorney and has not received a response. Farmers will do all it can to conclude this investigation as quickly as possible."

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