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Press release

MORE BANKRUPTCIES LIKELY IN BATTLE AGAINST UNINSURED DRIVING

The Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB) has warned that the number of bankruptcy orders against uninsured drivers is set to rise dramatically in 2007.

Following two landmark cases late last year, where bankruptcy orders were completed against two uninsured drivers, the MIB has assured the insurance industry that there will be no let up in its pursuit of rogue motorists.

“Our first objective when handling a case is to ensure that the victims are properly compensated. However, the recent bankruptcy orders highlight our determination to pursue uninsured drivers and force them to pay for the consequences of their recklessness,” said Michael Williams, the MIB’s Recovery Manager.

“If you cause an accident while driving an uninsured vehicle, the financial penalties are severe. The MIB is taking a serious action against irresponsible motorists to recoup many thousands of pounds in damages.”

The two recent bankruptcy cases involved Stephen Harrison from Sheffield and Lino K Kokuto from Manchester. They had been ordered to pay over £15,000 and £7,000 respectively.

The Motor Insurers' Bureau handles claims for property damage and personal injury from victims of accidents involving uninsured and untraced drivers where compensation cannot be claimed from another source. In all incidences where the uninsured motorist can be identified the MIB takes steps to recoup its costs.

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The Motor Insurers' Bureau compensates the victims of road accidents caused by uninsured and untraced motorists.

It also operates the Motor Insurance Database, which contains details of every insured vehicle in the country.

For more information please visit www.mib.org.uk.