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Duo Wanted for Claiming Injuries from Fake Auto Accidents

Atlanta, GA – Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens announced today that warrants have been issued for two Metro Atlanta women on multiple counts of insurance fraud for allegedly filing fake auto injury claims that bilked two insurance companies out of more than \$21,000.

Wanted are Jenea Daniel, 31, of 405 Fairburn Road, Atlanta, Ga., on two counts of insurance fraud and one count of forgery. Dianne Kirk, 52, of 5645 Central Church Road, Douglasville, Ga., is wanted on three counts of insurance fraud and two counts of forgery. Both suspects will be taken to the Douglas County Jail.

“This type of crime drives up the cost of insurance forcing Georgians to pay more for their coverage,” Hudgens said. “This should be a reminder that filing false insurance claims is a crime and those who violate the law will be arrested.”

An investigation by Commissioner Hudgens’ Fraud Unit revealed that on July 8, 2015, Jenea Daniel filed a claim with Dianne Kirk’s insurer, State Farm, stating that Kirk had run over her left foot with a car as she backed out of a parking space at a Chick-fil-A restaurant in Douglasville.

A month later on August 8, Dianne Kirk filed a claim against Jenea Daniel’s insurer, Progressive Mountain, claiming that Daniel had run over her left foot while she was in the parking lot of an Ingles Grocery Market in Douglasville. Kirk then filed a third and final claim on August 17, this time against Daniels’ other insurer GEICO, claiming that Daniel was backing out of a parking space at the Ingles in Douglasville, GA when she struck Kirk’s left foot.

State Fraud Investigators believe that Jenea Daniel and Dianne Kirk are acquaintances and worked together to file fraudulent claims to collect insurance settlement monies. Investigators also determined that the duo submitted fraudulent hospital bills, medical records, and doctors’ notes to the insurance companies to help substantiate their claims. Banking records show that Daniel received a settlement payout of \$12,000 from State Farm, and Kirk received two payments totaling \$8,158.84 from GEICO. The claim filed with Progressive Mountain was not paid due to several errors and discrepancies noticed by the adjuster.

Insurance fraud is a felony with a penalty of two to 10 years in prison or a fine of up to \$10,000. First-degree arson is a felony with a penalty of five to 20 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$50,000. The Douglas County District Attorney's Office will be prosecuting the case.