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OXENDINE MAKES ARRESTS IN SUMMERVILLE FRAUD CASE

Atlanta – Insurance Commissioner John W. Oxendine and Chattooga County Sheriff John Everett said investigators from Oxendine’s office made two arrests in Summerville, Ga., this morning as part of an alleged fraud and forgery case involving homeowners insurance claims.

“At this time we know of 46 forged liens against homeowners, filed by the principal of Qenkor Construction Inc.,” Oxendine said. “Other cases may come to light as our investigation continues, and I urge citizens who’ve had dealings with this company to contact my office at 800-656-2298.”

Arrested was William Benefield, 29, owner of Qenkor, located at 11193 Highway 27, Summerville, and his mother Sandra Weaver, 47. Both suspects have been charged with 46 counts of first-degree forgery and 46 counts of making false statements.

According to Oxendine, sales representatives of Qenkor Construction would approach consumers about hail-damaged roofs. The company would contact insurance companies alleging to be the insureds, file claims for hail damage, and then place a lien on the actual homeowner’s property by forging the signature of a notary.

“We would like to thank the Insurance Commissioner’s Office for their assistance in this investigation,” Sheriff Everett said. “This should send a message to all citizens, especially senior citizens, to use caution when dealing with any company or individual offering to do work on their homes. Never deal with or sign a contract with a company or individual who tells you not to contact your insurance company. Call your local Sheriff’s office if you have any questions about a contractor in your area.”

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