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Hudgens: Warrants Issued For 26 Suspects In Auto Insurance Fraud Ring

Atlanta - Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens announced today that arrest warrants have been issued for 26 suspects in connection with an automobile insurance fraud ring centered in the Columbus, Georgia area. The fraud ring allegedly staged automobile collision and filed false claims which resulted in payouts of approximately \$155,925 from 12 different insurance companies.

Today's warrants are the culmination of a 16-month investigation by the Georgia Department of Insurance's Special Fraud Division. The 26 suspects face a total of 326 charges, which range from insurance fraud, racketeering, theft by deception, identity fraud, and exploitation of an elder person.

"This fraud ring staged phony accidents and filed fraudulent claims collecting thousands of dollars. I said my office was going to be tough on insurance fraud, and hopefully these arrests will send a strong message that I am serious about cracking down on insurance fraud," Commissioner Hudgens said.

The investigation revealed that the suspects were involved in an organized auto insurance fraud ring that submitted more than 50 suspicious claims to multiple insurance companies for damage to vehicles that occurred before the vehicle was insured. Also, the suspects allegedly used multiple aliases and stole identities on the insurance claims to avoid detection by insurers. Fraud Investigators allege that the ring attempted to get payouts totaling more than \$500,000.

Insurance companies victimized by the scam included GEICO, State Farm, Nationwide, Safe Auto, Allstate, Progressive, USAA, Georgia Farm Bureau, Safeway, Everest National, Direct Auto and General Insurance.

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office, the Webster County Sheriff's Office, the Stewart County Sheriff's Office, the Lumpkin Police Department, the Richland Police Department and the National Insurance Crime Bureau assisted with the investigation. The Muscogee County District Attorney's office is prosecuting this case.

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Warrants are issued for the following suspects:

- **Devonta Waddy, 24 – Lumpkin, GA**
 - 1 Count of Racketeering
 - 23 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 15 Counts of Theft By Deception
 - 13 Counts of Identity Fraud
 - 7 Counts of Exploitation of an Elder Person
- **Rodney R. Lockett, 25 – Columbus, GA**
 - 1 Count of Racketeering
 - 19 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 14 Counts of Theft By Deception
 - 11 Counts of Identity Fraud
 - 5 Counts of Exploitation of an Elder Person
- **Maurice Young, 34 – Americus, GA**
 - 1 Count of Racketeering
 - 20 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 10 Counts of Theft By Deception
 - 11 Counts of Identity Fraud
 - 3 Counts of Exploitation of an Elder Person
- **Kamesha Lockett, 23 – Lumpkin, GA**
 - 1 Count of Racketeering
 - 10 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 8 Counts of Theft By Deception
 - 6 Counts of Identity Fraud
 - 5 Counts of Exploitation of an Elder Person
- **Nekito Jones, 40 – Richland, GA**
 - 1 Count of Racketeering
 - 3 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 1 Counts of Theft By Deception
 - 2 Counts of Identity Fraud
- **Terry Lyn Jones Johnson, 45 – Richland, GA**
 - 1 Count of Racketeering
 - 11 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 10 Counts of Theft By Deception
 - 6 Counts of Identity Fraud
 - 3 Counts of Exploitation of an Elder Person
- **Jasmine D. Pollard, 24 – Richland, GA**
 - 1 Count of Racketeering
 - 7 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 6 Counts of Theft By Deception
 - 6 Counts of Identity Fraud

- **Jason D. Martain, 23** – Columbus, GA
 - 1 Count of Racketeering
 - 4 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 4 Counts of Theft By Deception
 - 3 Counts of Identity Fraud
 - 1 Counts of Exploitation of an Elder Person
- **Safia A Streetman, 40** – Columbus, GA
 - 1 Count of Racketeering
 - 3 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 2 Counts of Theft By Deception
- **Leroy L. Johnson, 49** – Richland, GA
 - 1 Count of Racketeering
 - 3 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 2 Counts of Theft By Deception
 - 2 Counts of Identity Fraud
 - 2 Counts of Exploitation of an Elder Person
- **KeShawn Pollard, 23** – Richland, GA
 - 1 Count of Racketeering
 - 2 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 2 Counts of Theft By Deception
 - 2 Counts of Identity Fraud
 - 2 Counts of Exploitation of an Elder Person
- **Kenya N. Daniels, 24** – Albany, GA
 - 3 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 3 Counts of Theft By Deception
 - 1 Counts of Identity Fraud
- **Brittany C. Green, 28** - St. Marys, GA
 - 1 Count of Racketeering
 - 4 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 2 Counts of Theft By Deception
- **Deidra S. Holmes, 35** – Cuthbert, GA
 - 1 Count of Racketeering
 - 2 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 2 Counts of Theft By Deception
 - 1 Counts of Identity Fraud
- **Devonta D. Josey, 23** – Richland, GA
 - 1 Count of Insurance Fraud
- **Deandre R. Nelson, 26** - Buena Vista, GA
 - 2 Counts of Insurance Fraud
- **Shalawn L. Williams, 42** - East Point, GA
 - 1 Count of Insurance Fraud
 - 1 Count of Theft By Deception
 - 1 Count of Identity Fraud

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- **Timothy M. Lewis, 25** – Columbus, GA
 - 1 Count of Insurance Fraud
 - 1 Count of Theft By Deception
- **Emory C. Stevens, Jr., 27** – Columbus, GA
 - 2 Counts of Insurance Fraud
- **Mackery A. Strong, 28** – Columbus, GA
 - 1 Count of Insurance Fraud
- **Corderro D. Thomas, 24** – Lumpkin, GA
 - 1 Count of Insurance Fraud
 - 1 Count of Theft By Deception
 - 1 Count of Identity Fraud
- **Moses Jackson, 32** – Lumpkin, GA
 - 1 Count of Insurance Fraud
 - 1 Count of Theft By Deception
- **Tremaine J. Johnson, 34** - Phenix City, AL
 - 1 Count of Insurance Fraud
 - 1 Count of Theft By Deception
- **Angelia E. Jones, 49** – Columbus, GA
 - 2 Counts of Insurance Fraud
 - 1 Counts of Theft By Deception
- **Chandra Michelle Jones, 44** – Richland, GA
 - 1 Count of Insurance Fraud
 - 1 Count of Theft By Deception
 - 1 Count of Identity Fraud
- **Annie P. Wright, 56** – Lumpkin, GA
 - 1 Count of Insurance Fraud
 - 1 Count of Theft By Deception