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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **APPLING COUNTY MAN GUILTY OF INSURANCE FRAUD**

**Atlanta, GA** – On June 19, an Appling County man was sentenced to one felony count of insurance fraud for filing an fraudulent insurance claim on damages to his automobile that occurred from a previously reported incident.

Robert Taylor, 45, of 249 Bay Street, Baxley, Ga., entered into a guilty plea for his crime with the Superior Court of Appling County for five years of probation and restitution in the amount of \$3,790.00.

"My office will investigate all forms of insurance fraud," said Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens. "Individuals who feel that they are above the law and file a false insurance claim will be arrested and prosecuted."

In November 2017, Taylor made a fraudulent claim with South Insurance Company of Virginia for alleged damages to his 2000 Nissan X-Terra from a motor vehicle accident. An investigation by Hudgens' Fraud Division determined that the reported damages were from a September 2017 claim he had filed with South Insurance for a collision with a fallen tree that went unrepaired.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) assisted with the investigation.