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Hudgens: Atlanta Man Accused of Insurance and Identity Fraud

Atlanta- Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens' office issued a warrant this week for a Fulton county resident on charges of insurance fraud.

Georgia Department of Insurance agents arrested Kelvin Hutchinson, 39, on July 24. Hutchinson was charged with one count of Insurance Fraud, two counts of Forgery in the First Degree, and two counts of Identity Fraud.

Hudgens' Fraud division led the arrest after the National Insurance Crime Bureau referred the case to the Department. According to the investigation, Hutchinson willfully provided false information and forged documents in order to file an insurance claim. Hutchinson forged a family member's medical records in order to obtain a \$7,859 payment from his insurance company. Additionally, Hutchinson used the identity of a Fulton County attorney to negotiate a claim settlement from his insurer.

"All fraud cases hurt the consumers of Georgia, but cases like Hutchinson's that have multiple offenses are especially important to find and stop," Hudgens said.

Insurance fraud is a felony that carries a penalty of two to ten years in prison, a fine up to \$10,000, or, potentially, both.

If you suspect Insurance Fraud, please call the Georgia Department of Insurance at (404)656-2070.