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### **OXENDINE: AGENT ARRESTED FOR KEEPING PREMIUMS**

**Atlanta** – Insurance Commissioner John W. Oxendine said a Power Springs insurance agent was arrested today for allegedly pocketing his clients' premiums instead of paying insurance companies for coverage.

Ellery Butler, 49, has been charged with three counts of insurance fraud, Oxendine said.

Butler was working for Eternity Insurance Agency at 5041 Dallas Highway, Powder Springs, at the time the alleged fraud occurred.

The investigation by Oxendine's Fraud Unit has uncovered misappropriated funds totaling \$7005 on policies including workers compensation, liability, commercial auto, and inland marine.

"We want to hear from anyone who's had business dealings with this individual," Oxendine said. "You can call our Consumer Services Division at 404-656-2070, or toll-free at 800-656-2298, to find out if your coverage is valid."

Insurance fraud is a felony with a penalty of two to 10 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.

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