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HUDGENS: GWINNETT COUNTY COUPLE ARRESTED ON INSURANCE FRAUD CHARGES

Atlanta – Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens today announced that warrants have been issued for the arrest of a Gwinnett County insurance agent and her husband on multiple counts of insurance fraud.

Insurance agent Cynthia Dunn, 48, is facing charges of one count of insurance fraud, one count of forgery, and one count of misappropriation of premiums. Ronald Alan Dunn, 53, who is not a licensed agent, will be charged with seven counts of insurance fraud, three counts of forgery, two counts of identity fraud, and three counts of violating state licensing requirements.

An investigation by Hudgens' Fraud Division revealed that the suspects who own Dunn Right Insurance Agency in Loganville, Ga., kept premium payments made to them by three area businesses and created fraudulent Certificates of Insurance, leading their clients to believe that actual insurance coverage was in place. The businesses were seeking to obtain Workers Compensation and General Liability insurance.

“An investigation into the business practices of Dunn Right Insurance Agency has been conducted over the past several months,” Hudgens said. “Cynthia and Ronald Dunn are alleged to have defrauded at least \$31,000 from their clients. This fraudulent activity exposed their victims and the public to potentially uncovered losses.”

Disciplinary action against Cynthia Dunn's license to sell insurance is under review. The case will be prosecuted by the Walton County District Attorney's office.

Hudgens urges consumers who may have conducted insurance business with Dunn Right Insurance Agency to contact the insurance company listed on their policy to be sure they have the coverage they paid for. If there is some doubt about your coverage, call Hudgens' Consumer Services Division at 404-656-2070. Phone lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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