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WARRANTS ISSUED FOR SOUTH GEORGIA WOMAN FOR STAGING SLIP-AND-FALLS

Atlanta – Insurance Commissioner Ralph announced today that warrants have been issued for a South Georgia woman on insurance fraud charges.

Willie Mae Nails, 48, whose last known residents were in Chatham and Toombs Counties, has been charged with two counts of insurance fraud and one count of theft by deception for staging slip-and-fall accidents at three Savannah grocery stores.

"The investigation by my Fraud Division revealed that Nails allegedly staged the slip-and-fall accidents at a Kroger, Piggly Wiggly and One Stop Shop," Hudgens said. "Nails then attempted to collect thousands of dollars in fraudulent insurance claims.

Nails has allegedly used numerous aliases and submitted as many as twenty claims for benefits on separate slip-and-falls accident between 2009 and 2012.

If any business in Georgia believes that it has been victim of a slip-and-fall scam involving Nails or other suspects please contact the Insurance Commissioner's office at 800-656-2298.

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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