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OXENDINE ANNOUNCES ARREST OF STATESBORO INSURANCE AGENT

Atlanta – Insurance Commissioner John W. Oxendine announced today that a Statesboro insurance agent has been arrested on insurance fraud charges.

“My office is constantly on the lookout for agents who attempt to abuse the public’s trust,” Oxendine said.

John W. King, 28, who works in Metter, Ga., has been charged with two counts insurance fraud, Oxendine said. King allegedly forged the signatures of two elderly Columbus, Ga., residents on applications for Medicare Advantage policies. He is currently being held in the Bulloch County Jail.

Oxendine cautioned Georgians to be wary when contacted about switching to a Medicare Advantage plan. The Commissioner offered the following tips to protect you from scam artists:

- Beware of door-to-door sales people. Agents cannot solicit business at your home without an appointment. Do not let uninvited agents into your home.
- Check with your state’s insurance department to make sure the salesperson is a licensed agent.
- Do not give out personal information, such as Social Security numbers, bank account numbers or credit card numbers to anyone you have not verified as a licensed agent.
- Verify that the plan you have chosen is an approved Medicare plan. All of the approved plans are available at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Anyone who feels they may have been defrauded by this or any other agent can contact Oxendine’s Consumer Services Division at 1-800-656-2298 for assistance.

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