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Fulton County Woman Accused of Insurance Fraud

Atlanta- Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens' announced that an outstanding warrant was issued for a Fulton county resident on charges of insurance fraud and forgery.

Law enforcement officers from Hudgens' Fraud division requested a warrant for Donie Mae Rodriguez, 50, on June 15. Rodriguez was charged with one count of Insurance Fraud and one count of Forgery in the First-Degree. Officers allowed Rodriguez to turn herself in rather than arrest her at home.

According to an investigation led by Hudgens' office, Rodriguez allegedly submitted a fraudulent invoice for roofing repairs covered under her homeowner's policy. The invoice, which totaled \$2,305.48, was for repairs to her home that never occurred.

"My office investigates all occurrences of insurance fraud, whether it originates from agents or consumers," Hudgens said. "A fraudulent action like Ms. Rodriguez's hurts all Georgia consumers."

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.