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Hudgens: Fireworks Confiscated from Unlicensed South Georgia Vendor

Atlanta- Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens announced that on June 29, Hazardous Materials agents for the Department of Insurance and Safety Fire confiscated consumer fireworks from an unlicensed vendor.

The Department received knowledge that illegal products were potentially being sold from a South Georgia convenience store. After visiting the location, agents received a search warrant for the Enigma, Georgia store on June 29. A search of the store yielded one thousand pounds of illegal firework products.

As of July 1, 2015, most consumer fireworks can be sold in Georgia. Vendors must obtain a license from the Department of Insurance and Safety Fire in order to sell consumer fireworks.

“My office is taking illegal fireworks and unlicensed vendors very seriously,” Hudgens said. “If you suspect a location might be selling fireworks illegally, please call my office at 404-656-2070.”

Consumers can check to see if a location is legally selling fireworks through the Department’s online listing:

<https://www.oci.ga.gov/FireWorksPortal/SearchLicensedFireworksFacility.aspx>

Individuals and businesses that knowingly violate the law can face fines up to \$2,500 per occurrence.