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Unlicensed Danielsville, Doraville Fireworks Vendors Closed Down

Atlanta- Investigators of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens State Fire Marshal's Office shut down two unlicensed fireworks vendors on July 2.

Based upon a reliable tip, Commissioner Hudgens' agents investigated a Danielsville location for potentially unlawful behavior. Once it was determined that the vendor was unlicensed and had not applied for a license as required by law, agents confiscated the product.

A second vendor, located near Doraville, was also unlicensed to sell consumer fireworks. Investigators shut down operations and returned the product to the supplier.

Earlier in the week, Hudgens announced that agents from his office shut down three additional unlawful fireworks vendors.

As of July 1, 2015, most consumer fireworks can be sold in Georgia. Distributors must obtain a license from the Department of Insurance and Safety Fire in order to sell these products. Only products approved by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission are legal in Georgia.

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.