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## CLAYTON COUNTY SUSPECT WANTED FOR INSURANCE FRAUD

**ATLANTA** – Agents with the Department of Insurance's Criminal Investigations Division are currently searching for information regarding the whereabouts of Jamez Ward, 35, of Riverdale, Georgia. On October 31, warrants were taken out on Ward for 8 counts of Insurance Fraud and 1 count of R.I.C.O. (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations).

"Our Office is working in conjunction with the City of Morrow Police Department and the Clayton County Sheriff's Office with this investigation," said Insurance Commissioner John F. King. "If you have any information on the whereabouts of this individual, please call our Criminal Investigations Division at 404-463-6363."

In 2017, Mr. Ward allegedly submitted 38 fraudulent medical documents from Grady Memorial and Wellstar Hospitals to James River Insurance Company, Allstate, ACCC, USAIG (United States Aircraft Insurance Group), and Everest Insurance Company for Bodily Injury insurance claims. In addition, he allegedly submitted fraudulent pay stubs documents from Marrpay in order to receive insurance payment.

Insurance fraud is a felony punishable by imprisonment for two to ten years, or by a fine of up to \$10,000.00, or both. To report suspected insurance fraud, contact the Georgia Department of Insurance at 800-656-2298. Callers can choose to remain anonymous.

