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### **COBB COUNTY SUSPECTS ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED ROLE IN FOOD POISONING INSURANCE FRAUD RING**

**ATLANTA** – Special Agents with the Criminal Investigations Division at the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office recently assisted with the arrest of Mikala Flonnoy, 28, on April 21 and Alicia Nelson, 27, on April 23. Both suspects are facing one count of Insurance Fraud as well as one count of Forgery in the First Degree. The suspects were taken to the Cobb County Jail and have both since bonded out, which occurred on their respective date of arrest.

What started as an investigation into two subjects [expanded into what was discovered to be a ring of individuals](#) allegedly using the guise of a food allergy complaint at local restaurants throughout six Georgia Counties to defraud medical insurance companies. The individuals would state they ordered chicken dishes, but found shrimp in their food, leading to an allergic reaction. They would then file false insurance claims and submit false medical records and medical billing statements to obtain money from insurance companies for medical treatment that was not sought. The medical records and medical billing statements were allegedly falsified and altered to reflect the name of the suspects, their date of birth, and multiple different medical facilities.

“Altogether, the suspects in this ring were paid nearly \$25,000 for these alleged false claims,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “Other suspects in Cobb, Spalding, Clayton, Gwinnett, Clarke, and Banks Counties are also indicated in the scheme.”

Insurance fraud is a felony punishable by imprisonment for two to 10 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.

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