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FULTON COUNTY SUSPECT WANTED FOR INSURANCE FRAUD

ATLANTA – Special Agents with the Department of Insurance’s Criminal Investigations Division are currently searching for information regarding the whereabouts of Dewain Tharpe, 40, of Atlanta, Georgia. Tharpe is wanted for eight counts of Forgery in the First Degree and three counts of Insurance Fraud.

During early 2017, Tharpe allegedly submitted various forged documents to USAA, GEICO, and State Farm in an attempt to gain insurance payments related to car accidents. To obtain said payments, he also allegedly forged individuals’ signatures. He received a total of \$12,500.00 before additional insurance companies caught onto his scheme and denied his claims.

“Insurance fraud costs the average family between \$400 and \$700 a year in the form of increased premiums. Hardworking citizens should not suffer at the expense of unscrupulous criminals,” said Insurance and Safety Fire 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.”

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.



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