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SCREVEN COUNTY MAN ARRESTED

ATLANTA – On October 17, Special Agents in the Criminal Investigations Division at the Georgia Department of Insurance arrested Travis Scott, 38, of Sylvania, Georgia. Scott is facing one count of Insurance Fraud.

"These are the types of individuals that cost Georgians their hard-earned money. It is estimated that insurance fraud costs the average family between \$400 and \$700 each year in the form of increased premiums," said Insurance Commissioner John F. King. "Our entire Department's top priority is to protect consumers. I am very proud of our entire Criminal Investigations Division for their hard work on this important initiative."

Scott was initially involved in a motor vehicle accident in which he suffered minor injuries. Afterwards, he visited a doctor's office and obtained a doctor's note to stay out of work at his primary job. At the same time, Scott allegedly took a job as a truck driver. While working as a truck driver, he collected 16 disability payments for a total of \$6,161.60 from his short-term disability policy.

Scott was booked into the Screven County Jail, and is now out on bond. The Screven County Sheriff's Office is assisting the Department's Criminal Investigations Division with this investigation.

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's Criminal Investigations Division at 800-656-2298. Callers can choose to remain anonymous.

