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GWINNETT COUNTY SUSPECTS ARRESTED FOR INSURANCE FRAUD

ATLANTA – Special Agents in the Criminal Investigations Division at the Georgia Department of Insurance assisted with the arrest of Zulieka Hosch, 37, of Lawrenceville, Georgia on October 23 and Christopher Dewayne Miller, 30, of Dacula, Georgia on October 24. Miller faces 1 count of Insurance Fraud and Hosch is facing 1 count of Insurance Fraud as well as 1 count of Forgery in the First Degree.

Miller is being charged with 1 count of Insurance Fraud for allegedly defrauding Lemonade Insurance Company. On 05/02/19, he allegedly submitted fraudulent purchase receipts from Nordstrom and Michael Kors in order to fraudulently obtain insurance payment relating to a theft claim. He has been denied bond and is currently in Gwinnett County Jail.

Hosch is being charged with 1 count of Insurance Fraud and 1 count of Forgery in the First Degree for allegedly defrauding Lemonade Insurance Company. On 04/29/19, Hosch allegedly submitted multiple fraudulent purchase receipts from Walmart, Neiman Marcus, Bloomingdales, Von Maur, and Sunglass Hut in order to fraudulently obtain insurance payment relating to a theft claim. The Von Maur receipt was found to be forged and the items forged on the receipt were never purchased. She was booked into the Gwinnett County Jail on October 23, and is now out on bond.

"These individuals were seeking roughly \$20,000 a piece on their theft claims. Luckily, we were able to inform the insurance company of our findings before the claims were paid," said Insurance Commissioner John F. King. "It is very important that Georgians report suspected insurance fraud to our office by calling 800-656-2298."

The Gwinnett 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 at 800-656-2298. Callers can choose to remain anonymous.



