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### **LUMPKIN COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH FORGERY**

**ATLANTA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that Ernest Warren, 48, of Dahlonega, has been charged with two counts of forgery.

In October 2020, our Criminal Investigations Division received a report of suspected fraud from a representative of IAT Insurance, claiming that Mr. Warren submitted by email two forged surety bonds to ER Snell, Inc. so that he could secure contracts for two road work projects.

“Upon investigation, special agents determined that the surety bonds submitted to ER Snell, Inc. were falsified,” said Commissioner King. “An interview with the company's general counsel and upper management further confirmed that Mr. Warren was a contractor who did traffic signal work for their company, and they indeed received the two forged surety bonds.”

Warrants were taken out against Mr. Warren for two counts of Forgery on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.



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