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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## PAULDING COUNTY MAN WANTED FOR INSURANCE FRAUD, FORGERY

**ATLANTA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that Mario Vaughn, 33, of Douglasville, has been charged with insurance fraud and forgery.

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Mr. Vaughn submitted a personal injury protection claim to his insurance company in response to a crash in which he was a passenger.

"Mr. Vaughn transmitted a medical invoice from Buckhead Spine Specialists to his insurance company as evidence for the claim, which totaled more than \$6,500 between work periods lost and medical costs incurred," said Commissioner King. "Our investigation revealed that Mr. Vaughn was never a client of Buckhead Spine Specialists, and the providers listed have never been affiliated or employed by the practice."

Warrants were taken out against Mr. Vaughn in Paulding County on September 19<sup>th</sup> for insurance fraud and forgery in the first degree. He is still wanted at this time.



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