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## **REX WOMAN ARRESTED FOR FRAUD, FORGERY**

**ATLANTA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that Angelina Cortez, 46, of Rex, was arrested after turning herself in to the Clayton County Sheriff's Office on August 25th. She faces one count of Insurance Fraud and two counts of Forgery in the 1st Degree and is currently being held in the Clayton County Jail.

"Ms. Cortez initiated a homeowners insurance claim with USAA Insurance on July 21st," said Commissioner King. "During the course of the claim, fraudulent bank documents from Navy Federal Credit Union and fraudulent receipts from Fairfield by Marriott Hotel were submitted in order to gain additional insurance funds of \$16,984.96."

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.



The mission of the Office of the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner is to protect Georgia families by providing access to vital insurance products and safe buildings through fair regulation that creates economic opportunities for all Georgians.