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## SAVANNAH WOMAN WANTED FOR FRAUD, FORGERY

**ATLANTA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Helen S. Coco, 49, for one count of Insurance Fraud and one count of Forgery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

Working with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, our investigators discovered that Ms. Coco filed a claim against the Westin Hotel in Atlanta, GA, owned by Marriott Hotels. Ms. Coco stated her hotel room was infested with bed bugs, and she received bites due to the infestation. Ms. Coco returned home to Savannah, had a bug service treat her residence, and submitted the receipt to Marriott for reimbursement.

"The receipt submitted was for \$775.00, but the owner of the company that provided the service stated the actual cost was only \$75. Ms. Coco is accused of altering this document to defraud the insurance company for more money," said Commissioner King. "Selfish actions like this lead to higher premiums for all Georgians."



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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.