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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## SCREVEN WOMAN ARRESTED FOR ARSON, CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

**ATLANTA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that Courtney Sellers, 34, of Screven, has been charged with arson, insurance fraud, aggravated assault, and cruelty to children.

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Jesup Fire Department reached out to investigators from the State Fire Marshal's Office in reference to video and audio footage from a fire on July 14<sup>th</sup> on Pine Circle in Wayne County. The original footage was captured by the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

"Based on the footage and interviews conducted, investigators determined that Ms. Sellers compelled her stepchild to start a fire inside the home for insurance money on two separate occasions," said Commissioner King. "The suspect was arrested on July 18<sup>th</sup> and is currently being housed in the Wayne County Jail."

Our office worked with the Jesup Fire Department and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office on this investigation.



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