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## TOOMBS COUNTY WOMAN ARRESTED FOR IDENTITY FRAUD

**ATLANTA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that Kerri Monroe, 48, of Lyons, has been charged with five counts of identity fraud and seven counts of reporting and disposition of premiums.

Ms. Monroe, a licensed insurance agent in Toombs County, deposited seven insurance premium refund checks to her own bank accounts. The money, wholly meant for the victim, was never returned to the victim. Ms. Monroe fraudulently signed the victim's name on five of the seven checks deposited.

"Between October 15, 2021, and April 6, 2022, Ms. Monroe deposited seven checks totaling more than \$23,000," said Commissioner King. "Our investigation found that the money was moved between several bank accounts and is reasonably believed to have been used for non-business-related purchases."

Ms. Monroe was arrested on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and is currently out on bond. Commissioner King's Criminal Investigations Division worked with the Toombs County Sheriff's Office and the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation on this investigation.



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