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TWO RICHMOND COUNTY INDIVIDUALS WANTED FOR FRAUD, FORGERY, EXPLOITATION OF A DISABLED ADULT

ATLANTA – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that warrants had been taken out against John Willie Evans, of Augusta, and Sophia Mae Knight, of Hephzibah, for their role in a scheme to defraud a disabled individual and two insurance companies out of life insurance funds.

The victim has been disabled and in the care of his wife since a 2016 home invasion. Evans, the victim’s brother, attempted to transfer \$11,000 in life insurance policies written by Transamerica and United Insurance Company of America and cash them out in his name. Knight conspired with Evans by using her powers as a notary to sign the documents purportedly on the victim’s behalf.

“I’m proud of my Criminal Investigations Division for their work uncovering this despicable act against a helpless victim,” said Commissioner King. “Insurance fraud impacts every Georgia policyholder and it’s our office’s role to bring these types of perpetrators to justice.”

Warrants have been taken out against both individuals for Insurance Fraud, Exploitation of a Disabled Adult, Forgery in the First Degree, and Conspiracy to Commit a Crime.



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