



**Office of Commissioner of  
Insurance and Safety Fire**  
Protect | Enforce | Educate | Inform

**JOHN F. KING**  
*Commissioner of Insurance  
and Safety Fire*

Two Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
West Tower, Suite 702  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

## ***NEWS RELEASE***

**For Immediate Release**

**March 17, 2021**

Contact: Weston Burleson, 404-232-1388

Twitter: @GA\_DOI

Facebook: @GeorgiaDOI

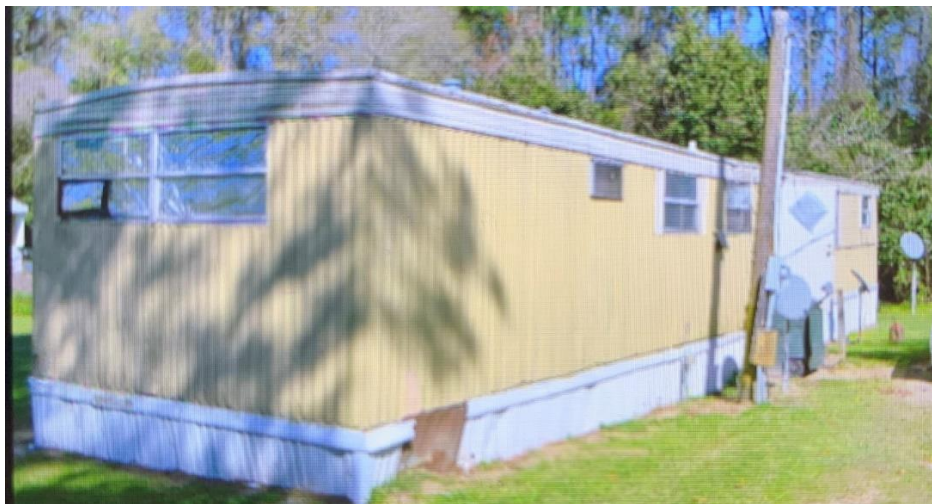
Instagram: @GeorgiaDOI

### **WARRANT ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH BARWICK FIRE**

**ATLANTA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that Rodderick Lamar Christopher, 37, has been charged with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Arson in connection with a Thomas County residential fire. The fire occurred at 1120 Church Street in Barwick at 10:45 pm on Sunday, March 7. The single-wide mobile home was occupied at the time of the fire.

“As the result of an argument with the occupant, Mr. Christopher threatened to burn down her home,” said Commissioner King. “Neighbors later witnessed the suspect throwing a burning object at the home, setting the exterior of the residence on fire.”

Commissioner King’s Fire Investigation Division assisted the Thomas County Fire Department and Thomas County Sheriff’s office with this investigation. Mr. Christopher has been apprehended and is being held in the Thomas County Jail.



###

*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.*