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### **OXENDINE WARNS AGENTS OF IDENTITY THEFT SCAM**

**Atlanta** – Insurance Commissioner John W. Oxendine said agents in several states have been called by scammers posing as insurance regulators in order to collect personal data that would make I.D. theft possible.

“While we haven’t had any cases of this in Georgia yet, I fear it’s only a matter of time before this type of scam is perpetrated on agents here,” Oxendine said.

Oklahoma, Idaho, Nevada and California have reported instances of agents being targeted. In those states, callers have posed as insurance department employees requesting personal information such as birth dates, social security and credit card numbers, and threatening agents with license suspension if they fail to comply.

“No one from the Georgia Insurance Department would call you and ask for that kind of sensitive information over the phone,” Oxendine said. “If an agent is subject to a request of that kind I urge them to contact my office immediately.”

Agents can confirm that a contact originated from the Georgia Insurance Department by calling the Agents Licensing Division at 404-656-2101.

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