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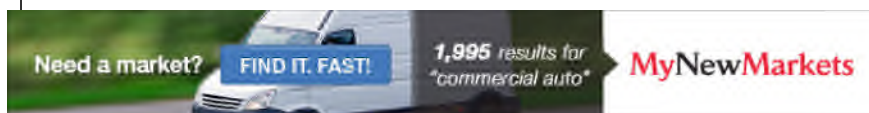


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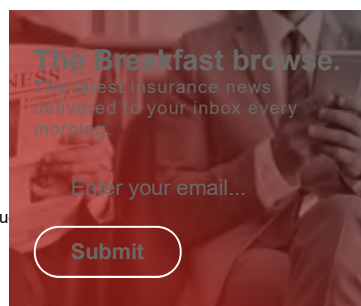
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A Georgia insurance agent from Pierce County has been arrested and charged with 28 counts of insurance fraud, according to a statement from Georgia Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens.

Dana Larson Bowen, 52, of Blackshear, Ga., is alleged to have misappropriated customers' insurance premium payments for personal use. Bowen, a licensed agent in Georgia since 1988, owns and operates Management South Agency, in Blackshear.

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State Fraud Investigators found that between August 2016 and June 2017 Bowen accepted more than \$250,000 in premiums payments from her clients to obtain workers' compensation, general liability, and commercial insurance coverage. Evidence shows that on multiple occasions, Bowen failed to forward all the premium to the insurance company, leaving many of her clients without valid coverage, Hudgens added.

Individuals victimized by Bowen operated various types of businesses in Bacon, Pierce, and Ware Counties.

Hudgens' Legal Division has taken enforcement action to revoke Bowen's license to transact any insurance business in Georgia. Fraud Investigators are asking anyone that purchased insurance from Bowen and find they do not have legitimate coverage to contact the GADOI's Consumer Hotline at 800-656-2298.

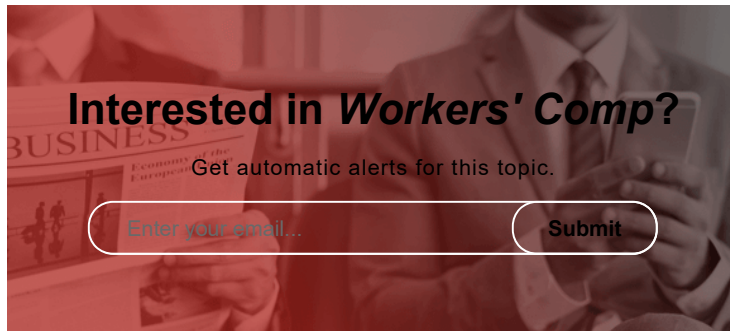
Insurance fraud is a felony with a penalty of two to 10 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.

"In over seven years as Georgia's Insurance Commissioner, I've seen this type of fraud many times," Hudgens said. "The outcome is always the same. Whenever agents are tempted to keep the premium money, they should realize that sooner or later they're going to get caught."

Source: Georgia Department of Insurance



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And you will continue to see it until you start giving out penalties that involve more than a slap on the wrist and probation.

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Perhaps this guy created a fake license to do business. Easy to get online and he could hang it on the wall and unsuspecting customers would think he is legit.



*Malissa* says:

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I agree 100% and let's not exclude greed and deception as it says for personal gain. It is more than likely that of creating a certain lifestyle for things that they cannot af... [read more](#)

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