

## Wilkes Insurance Agent Charged with Fraud

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Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin announced the arrest of A Wilkes insurance agent for insurance fraud. Frances Moore, 62, of Lithia Valley Road, Moravian Falls.

Moore, agent , owner and operator of Fran Moore Allstate Agency, is charged with 14 counts of insurance fraud. Department of Insurance criminal investigators allege that Moore substantially misrepresented her actual loss when she submitted claims documentation to Allstate Insurance after a June 2008 fire at her Wilkes County home. Security personnel at a retail store in Hickory raised first suspicious and notified the Department's Criminal Investigations Division. When investigators contacted Allstate Insurance, the company identified irregular activity surrounding Moore's claims. Investigators accuse Moore of using receipts from the returned merchandise to file an undisclosed amount of fraudulent claims. Moore was arrested last week and placed under a \$10,000 unsecured bond.