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TWO DECATUR COUNTY FIRES RULED ARSON

ATLANTA – Fire Investigators with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office believe that two recent Decatur County fires may have been set by the same suspect(s). Both fires were set on March 30 and both fires were set at properties owned by the same individual.

The first fire occurred around 5:30 P.M. at a privately-owned lumber mill located at 835 Colquitt Highway in Bainbridge, Georgia. The fire was contained to scrap lumber and wood paneling. No machines or structures were damaged in the fire and minimal damage was caused. The second fire occurred around 7:00 P.M. at 2073 Butler Ferry Road in Bainbridge, Georgia. This fire was set to a mobile home with no connected utilities. The residence suffered major interior damages.

“Due to the similar circumstances surrounding these dangerous fires, we believe that the same person or group of people is responsible for setting them,” said Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. **“If you have any information on the individual or individuals responsible, I ask that you immediately call my Fire Investigations Unit at 1-800-282-5804.”**

Rewards are offered of up to \$10,000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the arsonist(s). Calls are taken 24 hours a day and callers can choose to remain anonymous.

Investigators with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office are assisting the Decatur County Fire Department and the Decatur County Sheriff’s Office with this investigation.



835 Colquitt Highway



2073 Butler Ferry Road

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