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### **RICHMOND COUNTY FIRE RULED ARSON**

**ATLANTA** – A fire investigator with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office has determined that a gas station fire that occurred around 3:30 A.M on Monday, September 2, in Richmond County was intentionally set.

“This Exxon convenience store is located at the intersection of Deans Bridge Road and Willis Forman Road in Hephzibah,” said Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “It appears that the suspect(s) broke in through the roof of the structure, poured accelerant throughout the store, stole an undisclosed amount of cash, and set the place on fire. The inside of the structure suffered major damage from the blaze.”

Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King is asking anyone with knowledge about this fire to call the Arson Hotline 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.

The Richmond County Fire Department and Richmond County Sheriff’s Office are assisting with this investigation.



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