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### **TERRELL COUNTY MAN ARRESTED FOR ARSON**

**ATLANTA** – On Thursday, August 15, Terrell County resident Jamal Tift, 25, was arrested and charged with one count of First Degree Arson for a fire that occurred on August 10. Tift was booked into Terrell County Jail and is currently awaiting a bond hearing.

“The residence, located at 2267 Chain Gang Road in Dawson, Georgia, was 13 years old and approximately 1,300 square feet. The home suffered severe damage during the fire,” said Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “Jamal Tift was the only occupant home at the time. He later confessed to setting the fire.”

First Degree Arson is a felony punishable by a fine of no more than \$50,000 or by a prison term between one and twenty years, or both. Investigators with the Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office assisted the Terrell County Fire Department and the Terrell County Sheriff’s Office with this investigation.

Anyone with knowledge about a potential arson is asked 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.



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