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### **AUGUSTA FIRES RULED ARSON**

**ATLANTA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that a series of residential fires in Richmond County on Monday, February 22, was intentionally set and ruled an act of arson.

The fires occurred at 30 Telfair Street and 106 Telfair Street. Two other houses, located at 104 and 108 Telfair Street, received collateral damage. All four houses are vacated and abandoned single-story family dwellings, contain no public utilities, and are total losses due to the fires.

“First responders arrived on the scene of the initial fire and observed another house down the street on fire,” said Commissioner King. “Assisting the Augusta Fire Department, we determined these fires were set using available combustible materials on-site and an open flame. No injuries or deaths resulted from these fires.”

**Anyone with information about this Richmond County fire is invited to call Commissioner King’s State Fire Investigators Unit at 1-800-252-5804. This anonymous hotline operates around the clock.**



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