

JOHN F. KING Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire

Two Martin Luther King Jr. Drive West Tower, Suite 702 Atlanta, Georgia 30334

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release December 7, 2023 Contact: Bryce Rawson, 470-716-1847 Twitter: @GA_DOI Facebook: @GeorgiaDOI Instagram: @GA_DOI

COFFEE COUNTY MAN ARRESTED FOR ARSON

ATLANTA – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that Randy Neal Deloach, 41, of Douglas, has been arrested in connection with a commercial structure fire in Coffee County.

At 11:37 PM on July 3, the Douglas Fire Department responded to a fire at 1114 North Peterson Avenue, a strip-mall style business occupancy home to multiple organizations. Fire crews extinguished the fire with onscene resources, but not before over \$900,000 worth of damage had occurred. Several working structures were damaged as a result of the fire, including Liquidation Market, True Light Ministries Church, East of Eden Church, and Amazing Grace Bakery.

"Following a thorough fire scene examination and interviews with several witnesses, our arson investigators classified this fire as incendiary," said Commissioner King. "Analysis of the scene revealed the area of origin to be within the structure of the Liquidation Market, and the fire was ignited using an open flame lighter or match. Thankfully, no injuries or fatalities occurred as a result of this event."

Warrants were obtained for Mr. Deloach on December 6^{th,} and he was subsequently taken into custody. Mr. Deloach is currently being housed in the Coffee County Jail. Our office assisted the Douglas Fire Department, Douglas Police Department, and the Coffee County Sheriff's Office with this investigation.



###

The mission of the Office Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire is to protect Georgia families by providing access to vital insurance products and safe buildings through fair regulation that creates economic opportunities for all Georgians.