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### **COLUMBIA FIRE RULED ARSON**

**ATLANTA** –Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King’s Fire Investigations Unit announced today that a recent Columbia County fire has been ruled Arson. The fire occurred on Sullivan Hartfield Road in Evans and was reported at approximately 6:43 p.m. on July 6th. Authorities determined the fire was intentionally set in the living room area of the modular home.

“Upon arrival, first responders witnessed smoke coming from the residence and rapidly extinguished the fire,” said Commissioner King. “The occupant, John Kelly Dickerson, was seen fleeing the residence and is a person of interest in this investigation.”

Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit assisted the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office and Fire Department with this investigation. In coordination with the State Fire Investigations Unit, a reward of up to \$10,000 is offered by Georgia Arson Control for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for arson.



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