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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **COMMERCE FIRES RULED ARSON**

**ATLANTA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that two residential fires in Banks County were intentionally set and have been ruled an act of arson. The fires occurred at 783 McDonald Circle in Commerce at 7:55 p.m. on Thursday, March 11. The residence is a 57-year-old single-wide mobile home.

“According to the occupants, a fire was found on the front porch of the residence in a plastic bucket about forty minutes before the second fire occurred,” said Commissioner King. “The second fire caused minor damage to the right side of the structure. Both fires were extinguished before the Fire Department arrived.”

Commissioner King’s State Fire Investigations Unit is assisting the Banks County Fire Department and Sheriff’s Office on this case.

**Anyone with information about this Banks 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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