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EATONTON FIRE INTENTIONALLY SET

ATLANTA – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that a Putnam County fire was intentionally set and has been ruled an act of Arson. The fire occurred on Grand Avenue at approximately 3:19 A.M. on July 31st. The fire started in a vehicle in the front yard and spread to the residence, causing moderate damage to the 81-year-old, 1669-square foot structure.

“The occupant reported seeing a person in the front yard shortly before the fire began. Upon investigation, it was determined that the passenger side door was open, leading investigators to believe the fire was intentionally set,” said Commissioner King. **“Anyone with information about this Putnam County fire is invited to call my Fire Investigations Unit at 1-800-282-5804.”**

Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit is assisting the Eatonton Police 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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