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MADISON COUNTY STRUCTURE FIRE RULED ARSON

ATLANTA – Investigators with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office have determined that a fire that occurred shortly after 9:00 P.M. on July 29 in an open-air metal butler building at 989 Jot Em Down Road in Commerce was intentionally set. The building housed equipment including carpet, lumber, appliances, and a camper and was owned by Galilee Holiness Church, which is also located on the property.

“The fire resulted in a heavy amount of damage and totaled the building,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “Investigators also discovered four additional outside arsons in the area that appeared to have been set within a one-hour window. **If you have any information on the individual or individuals responsible for this vehicle fire, I ask that you call my Fire Investigations Unit at 1- 800-282-5804.**”

Rewards are offered of up to \$10,000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the arsonist(s). Calls are taken 24 hours a day and callers can choose to remain anonymous.

Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit is assisting the Madison County Sheriff’s Office and Poca Volunteer Fire Department with this investigation.



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