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SOCIAL CIRCLE FIRE RULED ARSON

ATLANTA – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that a structure fire in Walton County was intentionally set and has been ruled incendiary in nature. The fire occurred at a vacant cotton mill located at 148 Cannon Drive in Social Circle around 1:50 p.m. on Sunday, April 4.

The structure was originally built in 1940, and approximately 17,343-square-feet of the main structure was left after a fire in the 1990s.

“Upon the fire department’s arrival, the second floor of the main structure was fully engulfed in flames,” said Commissioner King. “A second fire was found near the old maintenance room on the left rear side of the building. Working with the Social Circle Fire Department, we have ruled this fire to be incendiary in nature.”

Anyone with information about this Walton County fire is invited to call Commissioner King’s State Fire Investigators Unit at 1-800-282-5804. This anonymous hotline operates around the clock.



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