



Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner

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MCDUFFIE COUNTY HOUSE FIRE RULED ARSON; REWARD OFFERED

Atlanta, GA - Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said a fire yesterday at a mobile home in McDuffie County was intentionally set.

The fire, which occurred Sunday morning heavily damaged the home located at 1929 Ridgeview Drive, Thomson, Ga. No one was living in the recently renovated home when a neighbor reported the fire around 8:30 a.m. An investigator in Hudgens' Fire Unit estimate damages from the blaze at \$20,000.

Commissioner Hudgens is asking anyone with information about this fire to call the Georgia Arson Hotline at 1-800-282-5804. Rewards of up to \$10,000 are given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an arsonist. Calls are taken 24 hours a day; callers can choose to remain anonymous.

The McDuffie County Fire Department is assisting with this investigation.