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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **HUDGENS: TWO FIRES IN MONROE COUNTY RULED ARSON**

**Atlanta, GA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said two early morning structure fires in Monroe County have been ruled arson.

The fires, which were reported today around 1:35 a.m., heavily damaged a vacant house at 114 Sharp Street in Forsyth, Ga., and destroyed a mobile home on the property that was being used as a storage shed. An investigator in Hudgens Fire Unit determined that a flammable liquid was used to start both fires. Damage is estimated at \$20,000.

Commissioner Hudgens is asking anyone with information about these fires 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 City of Forsyth Police Department is assisting with the investigation.