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**HART COUNTY BUSINESS DAMAGED BY FIRE;  
REWARD OFFER FOR INFORMATION**

**Atlanta** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens announced today that a reward of up to \$10,000 is being offered for information regarding a fire that destroyed a lumber business on June 9, in Hart County.

An Investigator with Hudgens' State Fire Marshal's Division, has determined that the fire at Oak Grove Exports located at 365 Opal Extension, Hartwell, Ga was intentionally set. The fire, which occurred around 11:46 p.m., caused damage estimated at \$250,000.

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 the person or persons responsible for the fire. Calls are taken 24 hours a day; callers can choose to remain anonymous.

The Hartwell Police Department and the Hartwell Fire Department are assisting with the investigation.