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REWARD OFFERED IN WALKER COUNTY BUSINESS FIRE

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 damaged a Hardware business in Walker County.

An investigator with Commissioner Hudgens' State Fire Marshal's Division determined that the fire at Hammond-Jones Hardware, 110 N. Main Street, in LaFayette, Ga., was intentionally set. The fire, which was reported at precisely 12 a.m. today caused minor damage to an exterior wall of the building. A City of LaFayette Police Officer who was first to arrive at the business is credited with helping to contain the blaze until the LaFayette Fire Department arrive on the scene.

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.