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OXENDINE: PIKE COUNTY FIRE WAS ARSON

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John W. Oxendine said someone set fire to a house in Pike County that was the scene of a murder.

“Based on our observations at the scene, we could tell this fire was arson,” Oxendine said.

A fire call came in around 9 p.m. Sunday night regarding the house on 560 Caldwell Bridge Road near Concord, Ga. By the time firefighters arrived, the home was engulfed in flames, Oxendine said.

Oxendine is asking anyone with information about this fire to call his 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 Commissioner’s Office and the Georgia Arson Control Board, Inc., sponsor the Georgia Arson Control Reward Program and the hotline.

The house belonged to Teresa and Jimmie “Buzz” Burousas Jr. Mrs. Burousas has been charged with the shooting death of her husband. Mr. Burousas was found dead in his vehicle in the driveway of their home on July 1. Mrs. Burousas was arrested July 31 and is still in the Upson County Jail awaiting a bond hearing.

“We don’t know for sure if this fire is related to the alleged murder, but obviously because of the circumstances, we are looking at it very carefully,” Oxendine said.

Oxendine’s Arson Unit is working with Pike County Sheriff Jimmy Thomas and Pike County Fire Chief Danny Henderson.

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