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## **OXENDINE: JACKSON COUNTY CHURCH FIRE WAS ARSON**

**Atlanta** – After eliminating all accidental causes, Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John W. Oxendine said his office has determined a fire that destroyed a parsonage belonging to a Jackson County church was deliberately set.

The parsonage of the Faith Baptist Church was located at Highway 129 North, Jefferson. Commissioner Oxendine said the 3000 square foot wood-framed single-level structure, and two passenger vans also destroyed in the fire, were valued at \$100,000.

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.

Commissioner Oxendine's arson unit is assisting the City of Jackson Fire Department in the investigation.

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