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COFFEE COUNTY HOUSE FIRE RULED ARSON; REWARD OFFERED

Atlanta - Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said a fire yesterday at a home in Coffee County was intentionally set.

The fire, which occurred Thursday morning at 67 North Sheridan Street, Douglas, Ga., heavily damaged the doublewide manufactured home. No one was home when the 6 a.m. fire started and investigators estimate damages at \$9,000.

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 an arsonist. Calls are taken 24 hours a day; callers can choose to remain anonymous.

Commissioner Hudgens and the Georgia Arson Control Board, Inc. (GAC), sponsor the reward program and the Georgia Arson Hotline. Since its inception in 1979, over 592 rewards totaling more than \$1.7 million have been given to tipsters.

The Coffee County Fire Department and the Coffee County Sheriff's Office are assisting with this investigation.