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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **COLUMBIA CO. FIRE RULED ARSON; REWARD OFFERED**

**Atlanta, GA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said his Fire Investigation Unit ruled a house fire yesterday in Columbia County arson.

The fire, which occurred around 4:26 p.m., at 139 A-B Stoneybrooks Place in Martinez, Ga., damaged a duplex and destroyed a 1995 Ford Explorer. Investigators determined that the cause of the fire was the result of a human act, Hudgens said.

Commissioner Hudgens and Columbia County Fire and Rescue are asking anyone with information about this fire to call the 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.