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OPEN LETTER TO ALL MICHIGAN FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEES

**ATF REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN CURBING THE FLOW OF ILLEGAL CRIME
GUNS AND REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME IN MID-MICHIGAN**

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of ATF's continued commitment and strong partnership with the Michigan firearms industry and to request your assistance in combating the illegal traffic and use of stolen firearms.

As you are aware, there has been a disturbing increase in gun shop robberies in the Saginaw area. On December 8, 2005, another theft took place at Bares, Inc., a Federal firearms licensee, located at 104 W. Water St., Saint Charles, Michigan 48655. A \$5,000 award has been offered for information leading to the Federal arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s).

There is a list of firearms reported as stolen from Bares Inc. attached to this letter. If anyone contacts you to sell any of the guns on the attached list please contact us immediately. Do not try to confront someone on your own. A good physical description along with a license plate number would be most beneficial to help us catch these thieves.

In our continuing effort to combat crime and violence we will continue to work side by side with our Industry member partners.

Please contact us at 1-800-ATF-GUNS (24 hour hotline) or 313 259-8760 if you observe any suspicious activity. Together we can make a difference.

Valerie J. Goddard
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Attachment:

- List of Firearms Reported as Stolen from Bares Inc.