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## ATF, FBI ANNOUNCE \$5,000 REWARD IN MISSOURI EXPLOSIVES THEFT

ST. CHARLES, Mo. – The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the FBI and the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department announced today a joint reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the theft of explosives from an explosives storage bunker at the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department training center.

An FBI agent discovered the theft at the center, located at 1835 Highway 94, yesterday. The magazine was utilized by the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department and the FBI's St. Louis office.

Investigators from ATF, St. Charles County Sheriff's Department and the FBI responded to the scene immediately, and determined that commercially manufactured high and low explosives were stolen. The types include C-4, dynamite, cast boosters, safety fuse and detonating cord. Not all items in the magazine were taken. The follow-up investigation has determined the theft occurred within the last 10 days. Leads are being followed up as the investigation continues.

The public should exercise extreme caution and immediately notify law enforcement if the explosives are encountered.

Anyone with information that may help identify those responsible for the theft should call the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department at **(636) 949-0809 or** ATF's toll free hotline, **1-888-ATF-BOMB** (888-283-2662). Both hotlines are answered 24 hours a day and all calls remain confidential.

ATF is the federal agency that regulates the explosives industry and has jurisdiction for investigating explosive thefts. More information on ATF and its programs is at <a href="https://www.atf.gov">www.atf.gov</a>.