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## ATF OFFERS \$10,000 REWARD FOR WAL MART EXPLOSION Authorities Determine Explosion was Deliberate

SYLVA, N.C. – The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the deliberate explosion that occurred at the Wal Mart Superstore in Sylva, N.C., Sept. 26, 2007, that resulted in the injury of five people. A vehicle believed to have been driven by the persons of interest in this investigation is a blue or green 4 door, 1995 – 1997 Mercury Grand Marquis.

The investigation is being conducted jointly by ATF, the Sylva Police Department, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation.

Anyone with information about this crime or vehicle is encouraged to contact these agencies at the following numbers or websites:

## Jackson County Sheriff's Crimestoppers number at (828) 631-1125 Sylva Police Department at (828) 586-2916 NC SBI at (800) 334-3000 ATF bomb hotline at 1-(888) ATF BOMB, (that is 1 888 283-2662)

All information will be treated confidentially, and callers will remain anonymous if they request. Information may also be sent to the Jackson County Sheriff's Crimestoppers email address at **crimestoppers@jacksonnc.org**.

ATF is the federal agency with jurisdiction for investigating explosions and fire. More information on ATF and its programs is at <u>www.atf.gov</u>.