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ATF, MIDLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATE GUN THEFT

ATF Offers \$5,000 Reward

STANFORD, Mich. – The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) joined the Midland County Sheriff's Office in the investigation of a reported theft of more than 200 firearms, both handguns and long guns, from a federally licensed firearms dealer in Stanford.

On Feb. 6, 2008, at approximately 8:00 a.m., a breaking and entering was discovered at Joe Gun Inc., 152 E Saginaw Rd., Suite 6, Sanford, MI 48657.

Thomas E. Brandon, special agent in charge of ATF in Michigan, said, "The theft of firearms from licensed gun dealers is a top priority for ATF. Our experience shows us that these guns quickly become used in violent crimes. We also know that tips from the public have resulted in the recovery of stolen firearms."

ATF is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible. Anyone with information is asked to call the anonymous and toll-free ATF crime gun hotline at 1-800-ATF-GUNS (1-800-283.4867) or the Midland County Sheriff's Tip Line at 989-839-4609.

ATF is the lead federal law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in violent crimes involving firearms, and regulates the firearms industry. More information on ATF and its programs is available at www.atf.gov.

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