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\$5,000 REWARD ANNOUNCED IN AUTO DEALERSHIP FIRE INVESTIGATION

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Kansas City Fire Department and the Kansas City Police Department announced today they are jointly offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the early morning, August 25, 2008, fire at Legends Suzuki (formally Chad Franklin Suzuki) located at 6801 State Avenue, Kansas City, Kan. In addition, the Kansas City Crime Stoppers are offering a reward up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the individual(s) responsible for this crime.

The fire damaged and/or destroyed 12 to 15 vehicles. The follow-up investigation and evidence subsequently gathered at the scene revealed the fire was intentionally set. An estimate of damages is \$250,000 to \$350,000.

The public is asked to call ATF's toll free hotline, *1-888-ATF-FIRE* (888-283-3473) or Kansas City Crime Stoppers Hotline at *816-474-TIPS* with any information that may help identify those responsible for the fire. These hotlines are answered 24 hours a day and all calls remain confidential.

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

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