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ATF OFFERS \$3,000 REWARD IN CHURCH ARSON

INDIANAPOLIS — The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) issued a \$3,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the arson fire at Bells Chapel Church of God on Nov. 9.

The Indianapolis Fire Department responded to a 911 call received at approximately 11:50 p.m. reporting a fire at the church located at 10002 E. 42nd St. in Indianapolis. Firefighters arrived at the church within minutes of receiving the 911 call.

Investigators have conducted an investigation of the scene and based upon their investigation have ruled the cause of the fire arson. Investigators are seeking information from the public that may assist them in solving the case.

“Arson is a criminal act that endangers the public and the lives of firefighters,” said Christopher Sadowski, Special Agent in Charge, ATF, Columbus Field Division. “ATF asks for the public’s help in bringing the perpetrator of this criminal act to justice.”

Anyone having information should call the ATF 24/7 toll free hotline at:

1-888-ATF-FIRE (1-888-283-3473).

ATF is the federal law enforcement agency with jurisdiction for investigating crimes of arson. More information on ATF and its programs can be found at www.ATF.gov

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