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ATF, FIRE MARSHAL OFFER \$7,500 REWARD IN CHURCH FIRE INVESTIGATION

BRANSON, Mo. – The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Missouri State Fire Marshal's Office announced today they are jointly offering a reward of up to \$7,500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the Jan. 6 fire that destroyed the Mt. Branson Church of God.

The follow-up investigation and evidence subsequently gathered at the scene revealed the fire was intentionally set. The structure, located at 199 Carter Road, was valued at \$250,000 and has been determined to be a total loss.

The public is asked to call the Missouri State Fire Marshal's Hotline at **1-800-39-ARSON**, ATF's toll free hotline, **1-888-ATF-FIRE** (888-283-3473) or Taney County Sheriff's Department at **417-334-3440** with any information that may help identify those responsible for the arson fire. Both hotlines are answered 24 hours a day and all calls remain confidential.

ATF is the federal agency with jurisdiction for investigating major fires and crimes of arson. More information on ATF and its programs is at www.atf.gov.

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