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## **ATF OFFERS \$5,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION IN CALIFORNIA BLASTEX EXPLOSIVES THEFT**

LOS ANGELES – John A. Torres, Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), announced today that ATF is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and federal conviction of those responsible for the theft of a blasting agent from a federal explosives licensee in Menifee, Calif.

Edick & Watt, Inc. reported yesterday the theft of two 55 pound cases of Blastex from their temporary storage magazine located in the 25000 block of Newport Road in Menifee. Blastex is a booster sensitive, water resistant, packaged explosive designed for quarry and construction blasting. A company employee found the fence surrounding the temporary storage magazine open and pry marks on the door of the magazine.

“Our job is to keep the public safe. Anyone with information about this theft is urged to contact ATF and the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department,” Torres said.

A photograph of the Blastex taken during the theft can be found at this ATF Los Angeles website: <http://www.atf.gov/field/losangeles/press-media.htm>. Anyone encountering the blasting agent or containers is urged to contact authorities immediately.

ATF can be reached at **1-888-ATF-BOMB** (1-888-283-2662) and Riverside Sheriff Department/Perris Station can be reached at (951) 940-6200.

ATF is the federal agency with jurisdiction for regulating the explosives industry and for investigating bombings and other explosives incidents. More information on ATF and its programs is at [www.atf.gov](http://www.atf.gov).

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