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## ATF OFFERS REWARD IN HISTORIC CHURCH FIRE

LOS ANGELES – Special Agent in Charge John A. Torres of the Los Angeles Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), announced today that ATF is posting a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for a fire at one of the oldest Roman Catholic churches in Los Angeles.

The fire at Sacred Heart Catholic Church was intentionally set Jan. 21 at approximately 11:00 p.m. Sacred Heart, at 2210 Sichel Street in Los Angeles, is an historic and well-known community landmark. Built in 1887, it is one the oldest churches in the Los Angeles archdiocese.

ATF and the Los Angeles Fire Department are working jointly on the investigation, along with members of the House of Worship Task Force. The \$5,000 ATF award is to be added to the \$15,000 already posted by Los Angeles City Councilman Ed Reyes.

"We need the public's help to solve this arson fire," Torres said. "We will make every effort to find the person/s responsible for this fire."

Information regarding this case should be reported to:

## ATF, Los Angeles Arson Group: 213-534-6480

or

Los Angeles City Fire Department's Arson Section: 213-485-6095

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