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**State Fire Marshal's Office Instrumental in
Holmes County Automobile Arson Arrests**

JACKSON – The joint efforts of the State Fire Marshal's Office and Holmes County law enforcement have led to the arrest of a pair of Holmes County brothers for automobile arson.

Following a Crimestopper's tip, the Holmes County Sheriff's Office and the State Fire Marshal's Office began an investigation into the activities of brothers Calvin and Alvin Greer of Tchula, MS. The brothers were arrested this week and have been charged with automobile arson involving a vehicle owned by Calvin Greer. The vehicle, which was a total loss, was valued at \$3,000. Both brothers were members of the Tchula Volunteer Fire Department.

The investigation is ongoing with the possibility of additional charges. These arrests mark the 44th and 45th arson arrests for the State Fire Marshal's Office since July 2010.

"Arson is a very serious crime that endangers both lives and property. Deputy Fire Marshal James Jackson, along with Holmes County law enforcement, are to be commended for their dedication in solving this case," State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney said.

"The State Fire Marshal's Office is committed to putting an end to arson in Mississippi," Chaney said.

Chaney also urged anyone who witnesses or has knowledge of arson to contact their local law enforcement or the State Fire Marshal's Arson Reward Program hotline at **1-888-648-0877**.

Persons with information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person responsible for the willful destruction by Fire or Explosion of any Real or Personal Property within the State of Mississippi is eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

To find out about the State Fire Marshal's Arson Reward Program, visit the Fire Marshal Pages of the Mississippi Insurance Department website at www.mid.state.ms.us.

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