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ATF OFFERS \$7,500 REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON RETAIL GUN THEFT Investigators Seek Public's Help in Solving Crime, Recovering Stolen Guns

RICHMOND HILL, Ga. — Special Agent in Charge Scott Sweetow of the Atlanta Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) today announced that ATF is offering a reward of up to \$7,500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the theft of firearms occurring at federal firearms licensee Blankenship Sporting Goods, at 456 B Edsel Drive, Richmond Hill July 13.

"We all have a vested interest in arresting those responsible and recovering the stolen guns," said Sweetow. "Solving this crime will be a team effort among ATF, the Richmond Hill Police Department, and concerned members of the public."

During the early morning hours of July 13, Blankenship Sporting Goods FFL was burglarized by unknown persons. Twenty-seven firearms were stolen; which consisted of pistols, hunting rifles, military style rifles, and a shotgun. The crime took place approximately 3:30a.m., but no further information or description of the suspect(s) or crime are available.

ATF and the Richmond Hill Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying those responsible. Anyone with information is encouraged to call ATF at (912) 658-5154 or call the ATF Hotline at 1-800-ATF-GUNS (800-283-4867). Callers can remain anonymous.

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