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**SFMO ASSISTS WITH ARSON INVESTIGATIONS**

*JACKSON, Miss.* – The Mississippi State Fire Marshal’s Office (SFMO) is assisting with investigations into several arson cases in the City of Jackson that happened in the early morning hours of Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

SFMO deputies are investigating the fire at the Jackson State University baseball field because it is state-owned property. SFMO was also asked by the Jackson Fire Department (JFD) to assist with the investigations at Epiphany Church and Greater Bethlehem Temple Church.

“JFD has asked the Fire Marshal’s office to bring in two of our arson K9s to investigate at the churches,” said State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney. “We are looking for a suspect. If you have any information, you could receive a reward of up to \$5,000, if that information leads to an arrest and arson conviction.”

To report information about these fires to the SFMO, call 601-359-1061.

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