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ATF PAYS REWARD FOR INFORMATION THAT HELPED SOLVE CALIFORNIA FIREBOMBING CASE

SAN FRANCISCO – Special Agent in Charge Stephen K. Martin of the San Francisco Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and Chief Al Shamblin of the Red Bluff Police Department announced today that ATF paid two area residents a total of \$7,500 for information that led to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the May 15, 2006, firebombing of Tehama County Sheriff Clay Parker’s vehicle and garage.

The Tehama County Secret Witness Program paid an additional reward of \$2,000 and law enforcement officials are grateful these rewards provided the necessary leads to solve the case.

As a result of the information provided, two men and three juveniles pleaded guilty in the Tehama County Superior Court to state arson and vandalism charges. Gregory Detoskey received seven years in prison and Jeffrey Arnest a suspended sentence of six years and four months; two juveniles were remanded into custody and the third juvenile will be sentenced Feb. 8.

“When we reached out to the citizens of this community in May of last year, we stressed that we were confident there was a good citizen that would agree with law enforcement that the firebombing of Sheriff Clay Parker’s vehicle and damage to his home was a crime of violence,” Martin said. “I am pleased to report that our message was heard and two individuals came forward.”

“The reward offered by ATF and the Tehama County Secret Witness Program provided the incentive for two local residents to come forward and provide information and testimony regarding these violent crimes. I believe paying out this reward will have a positive effect on the future of our Secret Witness Program, by encouraging the participation of witnesses who are initially reluctant to get involved. Our partnership with ATF made this investigation a success,” Shamblin added.

ATF is the federal agency with jurisdiction for investigating bombings and other explosives incidents. More information on ATF and its programs is at www.atf.gov.

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