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ATF OFFERS \$10,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION TO SOLVE SHOOTING AND THEFT OF GUNS CASE

LODI, Calif. — Special Agent in Charge Stephen K. Martin of the San Francisco Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and Chief David Main of the Lodi Police Department today announced that ATF will post a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the Jan. 24, 2008, shooting and theft that occurred at approximately 6:30 p.m., at Nick's Gunworks, at 440 East Lodi Avenue.

The owner of the federally licensed firearms business, Carl "Nick" Flores, was shot in his gun store and was able to drive to his residence where his wife called for emergency assistance. Flores was taken to UC Davis Medical Center for initial treatment and was later relocated where he is recovering.

When Lodi police responded to the crime scene, they found a display case with broken glass. ATF investigators responded and assisted the Lodi Police Department in a review of the business records and determined that three semi automatic handguns were missing.

"As a community, it is important for us to help one another in solving these types of crimes. We are confident that there is a good citizen out there with information that agrees with us, and we urge that person to come forward," said Martin.

"The Lodi Police Department is committed to locating, identifying, and charging the suspects," said Chief Main.

Anyone having information about the shooting and/or theft should immediately call 1-800-ATF-GUNS or the Lodi Area Crimestoppers at (209) 333-6771.

ATF is the federal agency with jurisdiction for investigating federal firearms violations. More information on ATF and its programs can be found at www.atf.gov.

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