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ATF, MSP INVESTIGATE GUN THEFT

ATF Offers \$5,000 Reward

GRAND HAVEN, Mich. – The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) joined the Michigan State Police (MSP) in the investigation of a reported theft of more than 60 firearms, both handguns and long guns, from a federally licensed firearms dealer in Grand Haven.

On July 6, 2008, a breaking and entering was discovered at Felix's Gun Shop in Grand Haven, Mich. ATF and the MSP are currently following up on several leads that may reveal the individual(s) that perpetrated this crime.

Thomas E. Brandon, special agent in charge of ATF in Michigan, said, "The theft of firearms from licensed gun dealers is a top priority for ATF. Our experience shows us that these guns quickly become used in violent crimes. We also know that tips from the public have resulted in the recovery of stolen firearms."

ATF is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible. Anyone with information is asked to call the anonymous and toll-free ATF crime gun hotline at 1-800-ATF-GUNS (1-800-283-4867) or the ATF Grand Rapids Field Office at (616) 301-6100.

ATF is the lead federal law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in violent crimes involving firearms, and regulates the firearms industry. More information on ATF and its programs is available at www.atf.gov.

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