



## News Release



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### **ATF OFFERS REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON RETAIL GUN THEFT**

ATLANTA — The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Atlanta Field Division, and Jasper, Ga., Police Department today announced a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of those responsible for a recent firearms theft at the Bargain Barn, located at 3622 Camp Road in Jasper, Ga.

The early morning burglary occurred at the Bargain Barn, a sporting goods store and federal firearms licensee (FFL), on Saturday, Nov. 8. Video surveillance footage shows three masked suspects running through the store smashing display cases and stuffing the firearms into bags before exiting the premises. In less than two minutes, the suspects were able to steal a total of 40 firearms to include 34 semi-automatic pistols and six rifles.

“Theft of firearms from licensed gun dealers is a top priority for ATF,” said Assistant Special Agent in Charge Jeff Pearce. “We all have a vested interest in arresting those responsible and recovering the stolen guns. Solving this crime will be a team effort among ATF, the Jasper Police Department and concerned members of the public.”

“It’s clear that a burglary of a gun dealer is unlike any other commercial theft,” said Jasper Police Chief Harold Cantrell. “We need to prevent these stolen firearms from falling into the hands of felons, gang members and juveniles before violent crime and tragedy results.”

Investigators are seeking the public’s help with identifying the suspects or providing information on the location of the stolen firearms.

Anyone with information in helping to solve this crime is encouraged to call ATF’s toll-free, 24-hour hotline at 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-888-283-8477) or the Jasper Police Department by contacting Detective Gleason at (404) 317-2532. Callers can remain anonymous.

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](http://www.atf.gov).

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