

## **News Release**



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## ATF OFFERS \$10,000 REWARD IN FIREARMS THEFT

ST. LOUIS – ATF is offering a reward of \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the burglary and theft of firearms from a residence in Maryland Heights, Mo. The Maryland Heights Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) announced the reward today during a 2:30 p.m. press conference.

On Oct. 25, 2011, approximately 71 firearms were stolen during a residential burglary in Maryland Heights. All but one of the firearms were handguns. The other firearm stolen was a rifle. The ongoing criminal investigation is being investigated by Maryland Heights Police Department and ATF.

"We are asking for the public's help to get these guns off the streets", said ATF Assistant Special Agent in Charge Jeff Fulton. "The longer stolen guns are in the hands of criminals; the more likely they will be used in a violent crime."

Any member of the public who may have information regarding the theft or the location of the firearms is urged to call ATF at 1-800-ATF-GUNS (283-4867).

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