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## **PHILLIPS WAREHOUSE FIRE WAS INTENTIONALLY SET**

ANDERSON, Ind. – The National Response Team (NRT) from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), ATF Indianapolis Field Office, of the Columbus Field Division, the Anderson Fire and Police Departments and the Indiana State Fire Marshal investigators have completed the on-scene investigation into the cause of the June 2 blaze at the Phillips Warehouse located in Anderson. The ATF NRT will be departing Anderson today.

Special Agent in Charge Christopher P. Sadowski, ATF Columbus Field Division; Chief David Clendenen, Anderson Fire Department; Darron Sparks, chief, Anderson Police Department; and, James L. Greeson, Indiana State Fire Marshals Office announced that a juvenile suspect has been identified as setting the fire that resulted in the destruction of Phillips Warehouse.

“Over the past three days the team of investigators has taken photographs, recovered potential evidence from the scene for laboratory analysis and conducted more than 30 interviews throughout the community,” said Sadowski. “The information developed was reviewed and analyzed to assist in determining the cause of the fire. The ATF National Laboratory in Ammdale, Md., will analyze all evidence collected. ATF will continue to provide resources and support to the investigation as this matter moves forward.”

The investigators would like to extend their appreciation to the neighboring fire departments that provided assistance in fighting the fire, including Chesterfield, Pendleton, Edgewood, Cicero, and Fishers Fire Departments; and the Madison County Hazardous Materials Team and the Indiana Department of Emergency Management.

Investigators would also like to thank the people of Anderson and the local businesses that brought food, coffee and support for the fire fighters and police officers during a very difficult night fighting the fire.

ATF’s NRT, comprising ATF personnel from across the country, responded to the scene to work alongside state and local investigators. The NRT includes a canine team, forensic chemist, origin and cause specialists, electrical and fire protection engineers, and additional specialists. This NRT activation was the 15th this fiscal year and 654th since the 1978 inception of the NRT program.

ATF is the federal agency with jurisdiction over arson and explosives incidents. More information on ATF and its programs can be found at [www.atf.gov](http://www.atf.gov).

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