Investigators Seek Tips in Defiance County Vehicle Fire

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — The Division of State Fire Marshal’s Fire and Explosion Investigation Bureau is seeking tips from the public regarding an intentionally set fire inside a vehicle stolen from a home in Hicksville (Defiance County).

A 2009 Ford E250 van was taken from 317 W. High Street at around 5:30 a.m. Nov. 29. The vehicle was located on Ohio-Indiana State Line Road at around 11:30 a.m. The Hicksville Fire Department responded and discovered a small fire inside the abandoned van. According to the owner, several items had been stolen from inside the vehicle.

The investigation is being conducted jointly by the State Fire Marshal’s office and the Hicksville Police Department.

A reward of up to $5,000 is being offered by the Blue Ribbon Arson Committee for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the fire.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the State Fire Marshal’s tip line at 800-589-2728 or the Hicksville Police Department at 419-542-6661.

The 2009 Ford E250 van stolen from 317 W. High Street in Hicksville (Defiance County).

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