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Sheriff Gary Simpson

News

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Reward offered in gun store burglary investigation

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. -- The investigation into the forced entry of the business premises of a South Kitsap gun store continues.

Rewards are being offered.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), a trade association for the firearms industry, have announced a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the April 29 burglary of Boerner Firearms, 4201 State Highway 3 West, in the Gorst area of Kitsap County.

Investigators have determined that 98 firearms (handguns and rifles) were stolen during the burglary.

ATF is offering a reward of up to \$5,000, matched by the NSSF for a possible total reward of up to \$10,000.

Additionally, Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound may offer a reward of up to \$1,000 to those who provide details leading to the arrest or charging of suspected criminals.

"Along with my colleagues with the ATF, I am extremely concerned with the number of firearms taken during this burglary," said Sheriff Gary Simpson. "It is obvious these criminal offenders have intentions to further their criminal activities. Any of these stolen guns may be used in a violent crime. We need to recover these weapons as quickly as possible. If you know something, say something."

Anyone with information about the persons responsible for this burglary or information leading to the recovery of the stolen firearms should contact:



Kitsap County Sheriff's Office:

Detective Michael Grant: 360.337.5611

Detective Eric Adams: 360.337.4998



The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives:

ATF tip line: **1-888-ATFTIPS (888-283-8477)** or

e-mail: <u>ATFTIPS@ATF.gov</u>

or www.atf.gov/contact/aftips

All calls and tips are confidential. More information about ATF and its programs are available at www.atf.gov



Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound:

1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.p3tips.com

Callers may remain anonymous. Reward of up to \$1,000.