Sheriff's vehicle burned; reward offered in search for arsonist

(KNZA)--A cash reward is being offered as the search for whoever's to blame for setting a Brown County's Sheriff's vehicle ablaze on a Hiawatha street continues.

According to a release from Brown County Sheriff John Merchant, a call came in shortly before 10:30 Tuesday night reporting that a Sheriff's Department vehicle was on fire in the vicinity of 3rd and Miami Streets, in Hiawatha.

It was discovered that the vehicle had been intentionally set on fire, with the 911 caller, in the area immediately after the fire was set, able to provide basic information about the suspect.

The release says a cash reward is offered to whoever "can provide detailed information which leads to the successful arrest and prosecution of those who are responsible" for the arson.

Anyone with such information is urged to contact the Brown County Sheriff's Office, the Hiawatha Police Department, the Sac and Fox Police Department, the Kansas State Fire Marshals Office, and the Brown County Attorneys Office, all of which have collaborated in the investigation of the arson.

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