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Reward offered in Oakland Co. cross-burning

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The North Oakland branch of the NAACP is offering a \$1,000 reward in the case of a cross-burning incident in Independence Township.

H. Wallace Parker, legal counsel for the organization, said the money will be given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident.

A black Independence Township homeowner found a burned cross lying in the grass near his residence on the 7000 block of Cameo Lane on Aug. 13. The family has lived there for more than 10 years with no race-related problems.

Those responsible could face charges of ethnic intimidation, a felony punishable by up to 2 years in prison.

Anyone with information on the incident can call the sheriff's office at 888-887-6146. Anyone with questions about the reward can call Parker's office at 248-332-0222.
