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PERFLUOROALKYLTHIOACYL HALIDES: ACCESS FROM SULFIDES

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Perfluoroalkylthioacyl halides are generated by reaction of an alkylperfluoroalkylthioether with a Lewis acid.

$$R_{F}CFXSR \longrightarrow R_{F}C(S)X + RF$$
 X=C1,Br

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m TiF}_4$ and ${
m TiCl}_4$ are appropriate Lewis acids. This reaction, analogous to the transformation of alkylperfluoroalkylethers to perfluoroacyl halides, uses easily available sulfides as starting materials, and a much milder temperature than previous methods.