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### **New Roads Woman Arrested on a Dozen Charges Including Arson With Intent to Defraud**

**POINTE COUPEE PARISH-** The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal has arrested a New Roads woman for several crimes related to a fire at her home over the summer.

Monique Rodney, 52, was booked into the Pointe Coupee Parish Jail on Thursday, September 20, on one count each of Arson with the Intent to Defraud, Insurance Fraud and Forgery as well as nine outstanding warrants out of Pointe Coupee Parish for Issuing Worthless Checks.

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, the LAOSFM was contacted to investigate a fire in the 12000 block of Pointe Coupee Road in New Roads. Following extensive investigative efforts, the fire was classified as incendiary.

Investigators learned of at least two prior fires in Rodney's history, which led to a focus on her as a suspect.

In an interview with investigators, Rodney confessed to various crimes connected to the fire and was ultimately placed under arrest for those crimes.

The investigation is on-going and could result in additional arrests.

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