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## Winnsboro Man Arrested for Attempted Murder, Arson

**FRANKLIN PARISH-** A Winnsboro man has been arrested for setting a fire inside of his family home while his bedridden mother and disabled grandfather were inside.

Jonathan Armstrong, 32, was booked into the Franklin Parish Detention Center on Saturday, June 8, on two counts of Attempted First Degree Murder and one count each of Aggravated Arson and Remaining After Forbidden.

On the morning of the 8th, the Winnsboro Fire Department responded to a house fire located in the 300 block of Carter Street.

State Fire Marshal deputies were called to investigate the origin and cause of the fire and determined it was intentionally set.

Investigators learned Armstrong had been arguing with his mother and grandfather through the night which led to him being asked to leave the home. When he refused, 911 was called.

First responders reported seeing smoke coming from the home as they arrived. The fire, located in a bedroom, was extinguished without any injuries.

In an interview with SFM deputies, Armstrong provided contradictory information to the evidence discovered at the scene. He was then placed under arrest.

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