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SUSPECT WANTED FOR HAMMOND TRAILER FIRE ARRESTED

TANGIPAHOA PARISH- A Ponchatoula man wanted in connection with the intentionally set fire of a manufactured home in Hammond in October, which threatened several other occupied trailers, has been arrested.

Mark "Tookie" Lee, 18, was booked into the Tangipahoa Parish Jail on Tuesday, January 14, on one count of Aggravated Arson. Lee, who had been difficult to locate since the fire, was taken into custody by Hammond Police who arrested him on unrelated charges prior to his booking on the State Fire Marshal's outstanding warrant.

In the early morning hours of October 21, the Hammond Fire Department responded to the fire call in the 43000 block of Baham Lane. The SFM was contacted for assistance in the investigation after firefighters learned new information about the case suggesting it was suspicious in nature.

Video evidence and witness statements led to the identification of Mark "Tookie" Lee, 18, also known as Marcus, as the individual who set the trailer on fire.

The State Fire Marshal's Office would like to thank the public as well as Hammond Police and Hammond Fire for their assistance with this case.

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