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INFORMATION SOUGHT IN BASILE FIRE INVESTIGATION

ACADIA PARISH- The State Fire Marshal's Office is actively seeking the public's assistance with an investigation into an intentionally set mobile home fire in Basile in March.

Just before 9 p.m. on Friday, March 24, the Acadia/Evangeline Fire Protection District responded to a call for a fire in the 1100 block of Dewey Loop in Basile. No one was home at the time of the fire, but several witnesses reported an explosion associated with the blaze.

Following an assessment of the scene, including obtaining video evidence, deputies determined the fire was intentionally set and believe at least two individuals are responsible.

In the attached surveillance video, the two suspects can be seen on the front porch of the mobile home with a small light source before a large flash of light appears on camera. The video then shows the two individuals running away from the home seconds apart from each other. Witnesses reported seeing a small, dark-colored truck driving away from the scene as the fire spread through the home.

The SFM is asking anyone with information about this case, including identifying information about the two suspects or the vehicle, to contact the SFM Arson Hotline at 1-844-954-1221 or share the information through our online tip form found at lasfm.org.

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