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Homeowner and Her Grandson Arrested for Arson with the Intent to Defraud

Glenmora LA: State Fire Marshal H "Butch" Browning released information in reference to arrests that were made in connection to a fire that was set with the intent to defraud a homeowner's property insurance policy.

The Glenmora Fire Department responded on January 13, 2011 to a report that a residence was on fire at 1621 6th Avenue. When firefighters arrived they discovered the home was completely burning. The fire caused nearly \$300,000 in damage.

The Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office was called to determine the cause of this fire. Investigators concluded that the fire was intentionally set and that evidence indicated the fire was set in an attempt to profit from insurance coverage provided for this home in the event of a loss. The homeowner Elsie Mae Clark (dob. 3-17-42) was arrested and charged with arson with the intent to defraud. She was booked in the Rapides Parish Jail held on a \$75,000 bond. Her grandson Brandon D. Parish (DOB. 7-3-91) was also arrested in connection with this crime. He was charged with principle to arson with the intent to defraud, he is also held on a \$2,500 bond.

State Fire Marshal Browning stated, "When people try to steal from insurance companies we all pay, using arson as a tool to take what is not yours will not be tolerated."

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