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Zwolle Man Booked on Arson and Drug Charges

SABINE PARISH- State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies have booked into the Sabine Parish Detention Center a Zwolle, Louisiana man on charges of Aggravated Arson and Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana.

On March, 29, 2025, the North Sabine Fire District responded at 2:02 p.m. to a report of smoke coming from an apartment complex in the 500 block of Oak Street. When firefighters arrived and entered the apartment, they found a smoldering mattress. State Fire Marshal deputies also found a large quantity of marijuana in the apartment. While investigators were searching the residence, the occupant, Tristion Sepulvado (26) returned home and deputies arrested him.

Witnesses say in the early morning hours leading up to the fire, Sepulvado was acting very strangely. They claim he was chain smoking and waiving a fire extinguisher outside of his apartment. A State Fire Marshal's investigation determined that Sepulvado set his mattress on fire, removed the fire extinguisher from his apartment, and didn't alert his neighbors putting them in jeopardy.

Anyone with information regarding any suspected arson case is asked to submit tips through our Arson Hotline at 1-844-954-1221 or online at <u>lasfm.org</u>. All tips can be submitted anonymously.

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