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Stonewall Man Booked On Arson With Intent to Defraud Charge

DESOTO PARISH- State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies arrested a stonewall man for attempting to defraud the insurance company by intentionally setting fire to his pickup truck.

Thomas Tyler (44) of 704 Lessie Drive, Stonewall, admitted to SFM deputies that he set his 2024 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck on fire with the intention of collecting insurance money. Deputies booked Tyler into the DeSoto Parish Detention Center Monday on a charge of Arson with Intent to Defraud.

On January 11, 2025, the DeSoto Parish Fire District #8 responded at 4:06 a.m. to a truck fire on the Interstate 49 southbound Mansfield exit. When they arrived, they found the truck fully engulfed in flames. SFM deputies also responded and questioned Tyler. At the time, he claimed he tossed a cigarette out the window, and it ignited a gas can in the bed of the truck.

During the investigation, Tyler recanted his original story and confessed to the crime.

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 lasfm.org. All tips can be submitted anonymously.

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