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SUSPECT SOUGHT IN DENHAM SPRINGS SCHOOL FIRE INVESTIGATION

LIVINGSTON PARISH- The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM) is actively seeking the public's assistance in identifying and locating a suspect wanted in connection with a fire at Seventh Ward Elementary School at the end of last month.

After 12 a.m. on Saturday, August 31, the Denham Springs Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the school located in the 24000 block of Highway 16. The fire was contained to a portable building on the back side of the campus. The building is considered a total loss.

Through the investigation, deputies determined the fire was intentionally set and are now looking for a suspect seen in surveillance video. As seen in the attached picture from that video, the suspect is wearing a light-colored t-shirt, jeans and a dark-colored ball cap. Based on evidence obtained so far, deputies believe the suspect entered and exited the campus on foot.

The SFM is asking anyone with information about this individual's identity and whereabouts to contact the SFM Arson Hotline at 1-844-954-1221 or share the information through the SFM's online tip form found at lasfm.org.



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