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Intentional Camper Fire Leads to Attempted Murder Arrest

East Feliciana Parish (November 6, 2026) – Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) investigators arrested 19-year-old Braden Rojas of Ethel on November 5, 2026, in connection with an intentionally set camper fire in Slaughter. Rojas faces charges of Attempted Second-Degree Murder, Aggravated Arson and Criminal Damage to Property.

The investigation began on November 2, 2026, when the East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office requested SFM assistance in investigating a camper fire in the 1000 block of Highway 67 in Slaughter.

SFM investigators responded to the scene, examined the evidence and determined that someone intentionally set the fire while the camper was occupied.

SFM investigators worked alongside deputies from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and the East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office to investigate the fire and arrest Rojas.

The investigation is still ongoing. No further details are available at this time.

The Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office reminds the public that anyone with information regarding fire-related crimes is encouraged to submit an anonymous tip by visiting lasfm.org and selecting the "Arson Fires" icon.

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