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LaPlace Man Charged With Aggravated Arson

ST. JOHN PARISH (October 27, 2026) – Louisiana State Fire Marshal (SFM) investigators arrested Anthony Johnson, 49, of LaPlace on Monday in connection with an intentionally set fire at an occupied home.

At approximately midnight June 5, 2026, the St. John the Baptist Parish Fire Department responded to a residential fire in the 100 block of Marigold Street in Garyville. A man and a woman were inside the home when the fire was set, but both escaped unharmed.

The fire department contacted the SFM, which launched an investigation. Investigators identified Johnson as a suspect, obtained an arrest warrant and charged him with aggravated arson.

The SFM thanks the St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office for its assistance with the investigation.

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

The SFM reminds the public that anyone with information about fire-related crimes can submit an anonymous tip by visiting lasfm.org and selecting the "Arson Fires" icon.

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