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Oberlin Man Charged with Aggravated Arson

ALLEN PARISH (April 27, 2026) – At approximately 8 p.m. on April 19, 2026, the Allen Parish Fire District 5 dispatched to a residential fire in the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Oberlin. At the time of the fire, two individuals were inside the home. Both escaped with minor injuries. Following the incident, the fire department requested the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) investigate the fire.

An SFM investigation determined the fire was intentionally set on the porch by 57-year-old Alfred Douglas Gray of Oberlin. On April 23, 2026, SFM investigators charged Gray with one count of Aggravated Arson.

The Office of State Fire Marshal thanks the Allen Parish Sheriff's Office for their assistance in this investigation.

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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