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Doyline Man Charged in Connection With Caddo Parish Church Fire

CADDO PARISH, LA (November 4, 2026) – Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) investigators arrested Billy Van St. Andry, 38, of Doyline on October 29 in connection with an intentionally set fire at a Caddo Parish church.

At approximately 7:41 a.m. October 18, Caddo Parish Fire District No. 8 responded to a fire at Arkadelphia Baptist Church, located at 16624 Hosston-Rodessa Road in Rodessa.

The fire department contacted the SFM, which launched an investigation. Investigators determined the fire was intentionally set and identified Van St. Andry as a suspect. SFM investigators obtained an arrest warrant and charged him with Simple Arson of a Religious Building, Theft, Obstruction and Criminal Trespass.

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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