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Palmetto Man Charged with Automobile Insurance Fraud

ST. LANDRY PARISH – St. Landry Parish Sheriff's deputies arrested Andronicus Edison, 58, of Palmetto, on October 26 on a charge of automobile insurance fraud after the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal's (SFM) Fire Investigations Unit (FIU) determined he filed a fraudulent insurance claim for his burned pickup truck.

The Louisiana Department of Insurance referred the suspicious claim to the FIU on July 2, 2026, prompting the investigation.

SFM investigators determined that a fire destroyed Edison's 2007 Chevrolet pickup truck on May 22, 2026, in Natchez, Mississippi. He had the truck towed to his home in St. Landry Parish before filing a fraudulent claim with his insurance company. After uncovering evidence of insurance fraud, the FIU obtained an arrest warrant for Edison.

The Office of State Fire Marshal thanks the Louisiana Department of Insurance and the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office for their assistance with the investigation.

Anyone with information about a suspected arson case can submit an anonymous tip through our Arson Hotline at 1-844-954-1221 or online at lasfm.org

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