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Fire Marshal Investigation Leads to Aggravated Arson Arrest

West Feliciana Parish (September 28, 2026) – The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) has arrested a St. Francisville man following an investigation into an intentionally set fire in West Feliciana Parish.

On September 24, 2026, at approximately 11 a.m., the St. Francisville Fire Department responded to an apartment fire in the 11000 block of Ferdinand Street in St. Francisville. After extinguishing the fire, the department requested assistance from the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal to conduct an origin and cause investigation.

Following an examination of the scene and additional investigative work, SFM investigators determined that the tenant placed books inside the oven, which started the fire.

As a result of the investigation, SFM investigators arrested Jeff David Wyatte McAlpin, 42, of St. Francisville, on September 25, 2026, and charged him with Aggravated Arson (La. R.S. 14:51).

This remains an active investigation, and no further details are being released 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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