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## SUSPECT SOUGHT IN DENHAM SPRINGS SCHOOL FIRE INVESTIGATION

**LIVINGSTON PARISH-** The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM) is actively seeking the public's assistance in identifying and locating a suspect wanted in connection with a fire at Denham Springs High School at the end of last month.

Around 2 a.m. on Sunday, May 26, the Denham Springs Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the high school facility located in the 1000 block of Range Avenue. The fire was contained to the English Hall on the west side of the campus. The damage estimates are in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Through the initial investigation, deputies determined the fire was intentionally set and are now looking for a suspect. Based on evidence obtained so far, deputies believe the suspect entered the campus on a bicycle and left in the direction of Robbie Street shortly before the fire department was alerted.

The SFM and the Denham Springs Police Department (DSPD) are conducting this joint investigation and ask anyone with information about this individual's identity and whereabouts to contact the SFM Arson Hotline at 1-844-954-1221 or share the information through the SFM's online tip form found at lasfm.org. Information can also be called in directly to DSPD Det. Sterling at 225-326-2704.

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