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Arrest Made in Bogalusa Residential Fire

WASHINGTON PARISH (June 27, 2025) – State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies arrested a Bogalusa man on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, for setting fire to an occupied home. Joshua David Patterson, 32, has been charged with Aggravated Arson.

Shortly after 2 a.m. on Wednesday, the Bogalusa Fire Department responded to a fire in the 800 block of Avenue G in Bogalusa. The home's occupant escaped the fire unharmed. However, the suspect was treated and released from the hospital for burns to an arm and leg and for carbon monoxide poisoning.

Following a request for SFM deputies to investigate the fire, it was determined the fire was intentionally set. Through the investigation, Patterson was identified as the suspect.

The SFM would like to thank Bogalusa's police and fire departments for their extensive efforts to assist with closing this case.

Any information about this case, or any fire-related crime, can be shared with the SFM by calling our Arson Hotline at [1-844-954-1221](tel:1-844-954-1221) or by submitting an online tip form on lasfm.org. All information can be shared anonymously.

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