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Kinder Man Charged With Arson With Intent to Defraud Charge

CALCASIEU PARISH – The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) has arrested a Kinder man for filing a fraudulent insurance claim on his vehicle after it was intentionally set on fire.

On September 27, 2025, at approximately 5:03 a.m., the Dequincy Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire in a secluded area near the 4500 block of Edgerly Road in Dequincy. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered a 2023 Kia K5 fully engulfed in flames.

The Dequincy Fire Department requested investigative assistance from the State Fire Marshal's Office. Following a thorough investigation, SFM deputies determined the fire was intentionally set.

Further investigation revealed that the vehicle's owner, Noah Lawrence Moncla, 24, of Kinder, had filed a fraudulent insurance claim related to the fire. Moncla was subsequently arrested and charged with one count of Arson with Intent to Defraud.

The State Fire Marshal's Office reminds the public that arson is a serious crime with significant legal consequences. Anyone with information about this or any other suspected arson case is encouraged to contact the SFM Arson Hotline at 1-844-954-1221 or submit a tip online at lasfm.org. All tips can be submitted anonymously.

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