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Destrehan Man Charged with Aggravated Arson

ST. CHARLES PARISH (February 23, 2026) – At approximately 4:45 a.m. on February 21, 2026, the East St. Charles Fire Department dispatched to a residential structure fire in the 90 block of Carolyn Drive in Destrehan. Following the incident, the fire department requested the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) investigate the fire.

An SFM investigation determined the fire was intentionally set.

While on scene, investigators were advised by the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office that a man was observed fleeing the area shortly after the fire was ignited. The investigation identified the individual as 19-year-old Michael Bush of Destrehan. Sheriff's deputies subsequently located and detained the suspect. Bush has been charged with one count of Aggravated Arson.

During the course of the investigation, SFM investigators further determined that the suspect had also set fire to an adjacent convenience store in the 14000 block of River Road in Destrehan. The business was occupied at the time of the fire. No one was injured.

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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