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Volunteer Firefighter Charged with Aggravated and Simple Arson

RICHLAND PARISH (November 10, 2026) – Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) investigators arrested 41-year-old Bradley Antley of Mangham on November 9, 2026, in connection with a series of 22 intentionally set fires throughout Richland Parish dating back to August. Antley faces one count of Aggravated Arson and 21 counts of Simple Arson.

The investigation began on November 5, 2026, when the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office requested SFM assistance in investigating a series of fires in the parish.

SFM investigators responded to the most recent incident, a November 4, 2026, tractor shed fire, and determined it was intentionally set. Through investigative work, the SFM identified Antley, a volunteer firefighter with the Archibald-Alto Fire Protection District, as a suspect. Further investigation revealed Antley set the fires and then responded to them with his department.

SFM investigators worked alongside Richland Parish Sheriff's deputies throughout the investigation and subsequent arrest.

The investigation remains ongoing. No further details are available 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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