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Rayville Man Arrested for Arson in Insurance Fraud Scheme

CALDWELL PARISH (August 28, 2026) – The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) has arrested 47-year-old Bryant Nash of Rayville in connection with a residential fire this week that investigators determined was intentionally set as part of an insurance fraud scheme.

SFM deputies arrested Nash on August 27, 2026, on one count of Arson with Intent to Defraud.

The investigation began after the Rayville Fire Department requested assistance from the SFM Fire Investigations Unit following a house fire in the 800 block of Perkins Drive in Rayville.

At approximately 11:15 p.m. on August 26, 2026, the Rayville Fire Department responded to the house fire.

Following an extensive investigation, SFM investigators determined the fire was intentionally set.

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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