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State Fire Marshal Investigates Intentionally Set Fire at Church

OUACHITA PARISH - The State Fire Marshal's Office and the Monroe Fire Department are jointly investigating an intentionally set fire at a Monroe church. The fire was quickly extinguished by firefighters but not before destroying the building.

The Monroe Fire Department responded shortly before 2 p.m. Sunday, March 30, 2025, to a reported fire at the St. Mary's Number 2 Missionary Baptist Church located at 100 Williams Street. Firefighters arrived and found heavy smoke and the church on fire. Fire crews quickly extinguished the blaze within minutes.

Surveillance video shows a person intentionally setting the church on fire. We are hoping the public can help us identify and locate the person/persons responsible.

Anyone having information as to the persons responsible for this crime can report information anonymously to the State Fire Marshal's Arson Hot Line at 844-954-1221, or by submitting an online tip form, which can be located in the Arson Section of the State Fire Marshal's website at lasfm.org. If you have video or photos of the crime that can help with this investigation, please submit through this [link](#).

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