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Second Arrest Made in 2024 Homer Arson Case

CLAIBORNE PARISH (June 25, 2026) – A nearly two-year-long investigation into an intentionally set house fire in Homer has resulted in a second arrest.

On June 23, 2026, the Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office arrested 36-year-old Richard Rockholt of Homer and charged him with Principal to Aggravated Arson. The investigation previously resulted in the arrest of 37-year-old Steven Ray of Homer on May 22, 2025, who was charged with Aggravated Arson.

The investigation stems from a September 23, 2024, fire involving an abandoned home in the 900 block of Nunley Street. The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) investigated the incident and determined the fire had been intentionally set. SFM deputies later obtained an arrest warrant for Rockholt.

The Homer Fire Department initially responded to the fire shortly after noon on September 23, 2024, and requested investigative assistance from the SFM.

This remains an active investigation, and no further details are being released 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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