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### New Orleans Man Arrested for Setting Fire Under Interstate 10

**Orleans Parish (September 21, 2026)** – State Fire Marshal investigators arrested Isaac Lee Washington, 42, of New Orleans, for Simple Arson and Resisting a Police Officer with Force or Violence after he set a fire under the eastbound I-10 overpass at Crowder Boulevard in New Orleans on Saturday.

“Our fire investigators are solving arsons and making arrests at twice the national average,” said DPS Principal Assistant, Chief Bryan J Adams. “Let there be no doubt: we will not stop until every arsonist is identified and brought to justice.”

“In this case, a fire under a major traffic artery could have shut down a key highway and disrupted thousands of travelers and first responders,” said Adams. “I’m extremely proud of Chief Sonnier and the Fire Investigations Unit for their rapid response, thorough work, and swift arrest.”

“With more than 100,000 drivers traveling along I-10 in this area each day, it is critical that this vital corridor remains open and safe for both commerce and daily commuting,” said Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) Secretary Glenn Ledet. “We extend our sincerest appreciation to the Louisiana State Police and Office of the Fire Marshal for their swift response and for quickly identifying and arresting the perpetrator. We remain committed to partnering with our state and local agencies to strengthen preventative measures and ensure incidents like this are avoided in the future.”

The New Orleans Fire Department responded to I-10 at Crowder Boulevard at 7:23 p.m. on September 19, 2026, and requested assistance from the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM).

SFM Investigators determined Washington intentionally set the fire and arrested him on September 20, 2026.

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](http://lasfm.org) and selecting the “Arson Fires” icon.

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