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Arrest Made In Ponchatoula Fire Investigation

TANGIPAHOA PARISH (June 20, 2025) – This week, State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies arrested a Ponchatoula man on outstanding warrants for setting fire to a house with three people inside.

Joshua John Lucas, 42, has been booked into the Tangipahoa Parish Jail on one count of Aggravated Arson and one count of Violation of a Protective Order.

On the afternoon of March 5, 2025, a fire was reported at a mobile home located in the 15000 block of East Hoffman Road in Ponchatoula. Three individuals were inside of the mobile home at the time of the fire, but were able to escape safely.

Following a request for SFM deputies to investigate the fire, it was determined that the origin of the fire was the exterior of the mobile home and that it was intentionally set. Through the investigation, Lucas was identified as the suspect.

The SFM would like to thank the Ponchatoula Fire Department, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, and the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office for their extensive efforts to assist with closing this case.

Any information about this case, or any fire-related crime, can be shared with the SFM by calling our Arson Hotline at [1-844-954-1221](tel:1-844-954-1221) or by submitting an online tip form on lasfm.org. All information can be shared anonymously.

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