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DeRidder Woman Charged With Attempted Murder & Aggravated Arson

Beauregard Parish (October 9, 2026) – Louisiana State Fire Marshal (SFM) investigators arrested 44-year-old Karla Evans of DeRidder Thursday in connection to an intentionally set fire involving an occupied home.

At approximately 1:13 a.m. on October 2, 2026, Beauregard Parish Fire District 4 responded to a house fire in the 1100 block of Johnson Street in DeRidder. A 53-year-old man was inside the home at the time of the fire, but escaped unharmed.

Beauregard Parish Fire District 4 contacted the SFM regarding the fire. Following an investigation, SFM investigators identified Evans as a suspect, obtained an arrest warrant, and charged her with attempted second-degree murder and aggravated arson.

The investigation is still ongoing. No further details are available 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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