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Arrest Made In Hammond-Area Fire Investigation

TANGIPAHOA PARISH (June 6, 2025) – State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies have arrested a Hammond man accused of setting fire to a house with two people inside.

Kirk Anslem, 36, has been booked into the Tangipahoa Parish Jail on two counts of Attempted Murder as well as one count of Aggravated Arson and Cyberstalking. Anslem also faces charges from the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) of Domestic Abuse- Aggravated Battery, Resisting an Officer (Flight on Foot) and an outstanding Failure to Appear warrant.

On the evening of Wednesday, June 4, a fire was reported at a home located in the 44000 block of Marie Drive in Hammond. Two women were inside of the 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 on the home's front porch and that it was intentionally set. Through the investigation, Anslem, an ex-boyfriend of one of the occupants, was identified as the suspect.

Following a pursuit and more than 12-hour manhunt, the TPSO took Anslem into custody in the area of Pumpkin Center Road in Hammond.

The SFM would like to thank the TPSO for its 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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