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Turkey Creek Man Charged in Mamou House Fire Investigation

EVANGELINE PARISH (February 19, 2026) – Authorities have arrested a Turkey Creek man following an investigation into a deliberately set house fire that destroyed a Mamou home earlier this year.

Fire crews with the Mamou Fire Department were dispatched around 3:12 p.m. on January 3, 2026, to a reported structure fire in the 1100 block of Railroad Avenue. Upon arrival, firefighters encountered the home fully involved in flames.

Investigators from the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM) determined the blaze was intentionally ignited. After completing their investigation, deputies identified 35-year-old Daniel Fontenot of Turkey Creek as the suspect.

On February 17, 2026, SFM Deputies arrested Fontenot and charged him with one count of Simple Arson and one count of Simple Burglary.

The Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office urges anyone with information about fire-related offenses to report tips anonymously by visiting lasfm.org and clicking on the "Arson Fires" icon.

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