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Columbia Woman Arrested in Connection with Insurance Fraud, Arson Investigation

CALDWELL PARISH (August 25, 2026) – The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) has arrested 64-year-old Cynthia Lisenby of Columbia in connection with a June 22, 2026, residential fire that investigators determined was intentionally set as part of an insurance fraud scheme.

SFM deputies arrested Lisenby on August 24, 2026, on one count of insurance fraud.

The investigation began after the Hebert Fire Department requested assistance from the SFM Fire Investigations Unit following a house fire in the 1700 block of Templeton Bend Road in Columbia.

At approximately 4:30 a.m. on June 22, 2026, the Hebert Fire Department responded to a fire that ultimately destroyed the house.

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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