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Effie Man Charged With Aggravated Arson

AVOYELLES PARISH- State Fire Marshal deputies (SFM) have arrested an Effie man for setting a fire on a relative's front porch.

On April 17, 2025, State Fire Marshal deputies booked Randall Dauzat (43) into the Avoyelles Parish Jail on one count each of Aggravated Arson and Resisting an Officer.

Dauzat is accused of setting fire at 4:15 p.m., April 5, 2025, to a box spring mattress on the porch of a mobile home at 2400 block of Saline Road, Effie, Louisiana. The fire caused minimal damage. The State Fire Marshal's Office began its investigation after the homeowner filed a complaint with the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office, and Sheriff's investigators notified the SFM.

SFM deputies determined the fire was intentionally set, and that Dauzat set the fire after he and relatives at the mobile home were involved in a dispute.

The Fire Marshal's Office would like to thank the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office for their assistance in this case.

This investigation is ongoing. 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 or by submitting an online tip form on lasfm.org. All information can be shared anonymously.

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