



JUVENILE ARRESTED FOR AGGRAVATED ARSON

RAPIDES PARISH (July 8, 2025) – State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies have arrested and charged a Rapides Parish juvenile with two counts of Aggravated Arson and one count of Simple Arson for setting fires outside the doors of three Woodworth apartments.

A SFM investigation determined that the teen intentionally set fires near the doors of two apartments on Butler Drive around 4 a.m. on June 28, 2025, and then set fire near the door of another Butler Drive apartment at approximately 4 a.m. on July 1, 2025. Fortunately, the occupants of these homes were not injured.

During SFM investigator questioning, the teen admitted to the crimes.

The SFM would like to thank the Woodworth Police and Fire Departments for their extensive efforts to assist with closing these cases.

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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