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Man Arrested in Connection with Commercial Arson Fire in Arcadia

Arcadia, LA: The State Fire Marshal's Office announced today that an arrest has been made in connection with a fire that occurred at a commercial business that was later determined to be arson.

The State Fire Marshal's Office was notified by the North Bienville Parish Fire Department on February 17, 2011 that a suspicious fire occurred at Haynes International Manufacturing Company. This manufacturing facility is located at 3786 Second Street. The fire was extinguished quickly, by the company's fire brigade. Their quick response prevented what could have been a multimillion dollar loss and economic tragedy for this region.

State Fire Marshal Investigators immediately responded and partnered with the local authorities including the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office to determine who was responsible for this arson. Investigators developed a suspect and on February 22, arrested Joshua Hutson (dob. 8-29-86) with aggravated arson in connection with this fire. He was booked into the Bienville Parish Jail and held on a \$100,000.00 bond. Mr. Hutson was an employee of the business and was working at the time of the fire. Haynes International Manufacturing Company manufactures high tolerance aluminum piping used by the military and aviation industry.

State Fire Marshal Browning stated, "This is the type of arson crime that cause businesses to become destroyed and people to lose their jobs. I am very pleased that this case was closed with an arrest before any other fires might have happened".

Fire Marshal Browning stated, "This crime was very serious and endangered the public and first responders. There is someone out there that has important information we need, please do the right thing and call us".

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