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## **Cold Arson Case in Caddo Parish Concludes in Arrests**

**Rodessa LA:** State Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning announces today that two men have been arrested in connection with a twelve month investigation into three structures that were set on fire. Also unrelated charges were filed for juvenile and sex crimes.

The Caddo Parish Fire District Number 8 responded to the separate vacant building fires on February 2, 2010. The buildings were located at 21767 Highway 1, 17569 Hosston Rodessa Road and 18100 Rodessa Cemetery Road. All three buildings had no operating utilities. There were no injuries reported however all three buildings were severely damaged by fire.

The Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office was called to investigate these fires. Investigators determined that all three fires were intentionally set. A task force of agencies came together including the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, A.T.F and the U.S. Marshal's to develop information about the persons responsible for these dangerous and destructive fires. After over twelve months of tireless work, arrests have been made. Brian Tallant (DOB. 12-15-92) and John Davis (DOB. 8-8-92) were both formally charged with 3 counts of simple arson and booked in the Caddo Parish Jail. They are each held on a 300,000 bond.

In the furtherance of this investigation the Caddo Parish Sheriff also charged Mr. Tallant with felony carnal knowledge of a juvenile, 3 counts of contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile, 2 counts of indecent behavior in front of a juvenile and sexual battery. These additional charges stem from crimes unrelated to the fire incidents.

Fire Marshal Browning stated, "All our law enforcement partners are to be commended for the closing of this case. These arrests are just the latest message to people who think setting fires is ok. We will not rest when it comes to eliminating arson in Louisiana."

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