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At Large Arson Suspect Surrenders, Additional Suspects Arrested

PINEVILLE- An arson suspect, who fled from authorities last week, has turned himself in for multiple warrants issued by the Office of State Fire Marshal.

Jackie Vincent Dazart (DOB 10-10-72) was wanted in connection with a fire at an unoccupied residence on Credeur Road in Pineville on February 15, 2018. A shed on the property had also been set on fire.

Investigators learned Dazart was in possession of multiple items that had been stolen from the structures. Deputies also learned there were more potential suspects connected to the crime. Following the execution of a search warrant on Dazart's home on Friday, April 6, 2018, those items were recovered. In addition, other items were discovered that were connected to other burglaries being investigated by the Rapides and Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Offices.

During the execution of that search warrant, a Rapides Parish Sheriff's deputy, responding to a 9-1-1 call about a suspicious person at a residence in Pineville, discovered Dazart's truck in the home's driveway. However, Dazart had fled on foot.

Despite multiple agencies searching the wooded area around the 2000 block of Military Highway for hours, Dazart was not found. However, on Tuesday, April 10, Dazart surrendered to authorities and was booked into the Rapides Parish Jail on the following charges:

- 2 counts of Simple Arson
- 2 counts of Criminal Conspiracy
- 2 counts of Simple Burglary
- 1 count of Obstruction of Justice
- 1 count of Unauthorized Entry of an Inhabited Dwelling

Three other suspects have subsequently been arrested for the same charges. They are:

- Zachary Erwin (DOB 5/22/92)
- Heather DeSoto (DOB 10/10/84)

- Kayla Sheree Rachal (DOB 6/23/86)

Additional drug and weapons charges are pending for Rachal and Erwin. Additional arrests are possible.



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