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## Retirement Home Employee Arrested for Arson

**ALLEN PARISH-** State Fire Marshal deputies have arrested an Oberlin woman for setting a fire inside of the retirement home where she was employed.

Nakisha Walker, 41, was booked into the Allen Parish Jail on Monday, March 25, on one count each of Aggravated Arson and Resisting an Officer.

In the early morning hours of March 21, the Kinder Fire Department responded to a fire call at Kinder Retirement and Rehab Center, located at 13938 Highway 165 North. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered the fire had been extinguished by an employee and was contained to one room in the building. About 30 residents in the affected hall had been evacuated without injury. There were more than 70 occupants in the facility at the time of the fire.

After assessing the scene, collecting physical evidence and gathering witness statements, SFM investigators determined the fire was intentionally set. Through follow-up investigative efforts, including determining the whereabouts of all occupants at the time of the fire, Walker was identified as a suspect in the case.

Walker was subsequently placed under arrest.

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