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### **TEENS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH VACANT TRAILER FIRE**

**RAPIDES PARISH-** Three teenagers and a pre-teen have been arrested in connection with a burglary and fire at a vacant trailer in their neighborhood earlier this month.

Latrell Glynn, 18, and Rodarius Sykes, 19, were booked into the Rapides Detention Center this week on one count each of Simple Arson, Simple Burglary of an Inhabited Dwelling, Criminal Trespass and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Juvenile.

A 14-year-old boy was arrested for one count each of Simple Arson, Simple Burglary of an Inhabited Dwelling and Criminal Trespass. He was released into the custody of his guardian.

A 12-year-old boy was arrested for one count each of Simple Burglary of an Inhabited Dwelling and Criminal Trespass. He was released into the custody of his guardian.

In the evening hours of June 2, the Holiday Village Fire Department responded to a trailer fire in the 300 block of Dupree Street in Pineville.

State Fire Marshal deputies were called to investigate the origin and cause of the fire and determined there were two areas of origin; one located in the living room and one in the kitchen. After assessing the scene and collecting witness statements, investigators deemed both fires as intentionally set.

Through additional investigative efforts, Glynn, Sykes and three juveniles were identified as persons of interest in the case. In interviews with the group, all told similar stories of a plan to break into the trailer to burglarize it. The majority of their stories were consistent with one individual staying outside of the property the entire time, while pinpointing certain individuals as those who stole items and other individuals who set the fires. At least two of the suspects admitted their direct roles in the crimes. Various arrest warrants were then obtained for the applicable suspects.

The State Fire Marshal has a plea for families with juveniles out of school for the summer.

“Summertime can often leave kids looking for activities to occupy their downtime. Sometimes, that can lead to kids getting into mischief, including playing with fire,” said State Fire Marshal Butch Browning, “We encourage parents and guardians to keep a close eye on kids’ activities as they’re out of school for the summer. But most importantly, we want adults to warn juveniles not only of the dangers of playing with fire, but the consequences of fire, including to property, their lives and the lives of others, as well as their futures.”

The SFM would also like to thank the community for their cooperation with this investigation and encourage others to submit anonymous tips to our agency if you have information about a fire-related crime in your area. Our arson hotline is 1-800-256-5452 or tips can be submitted on our website [lasfm.org](http://lasfm.org).

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