

March 9, 2012 - SFD and SPD Join Forces to Apprehend Arson Suspect in southwest Shreveport

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At 10:00 a.m. this morning, Shreveport Police and Shreveport Fire investigators arrested Tawon Parker, a 32 year old black male for aggravated arson. Parker is charged with intentionally setting fire to the stove top at the Villa Marquis I Apartments in the 7100 block of Jewella Avenue. Parker caused more than \$10,000 in estimated fire and property damage.

At 7:00 a.m., Shreveport Firefighters were dispatched to the apartment complex for a reported kitchen fire and quickly brought the fire under control. At first glance, the fire appeared to be a common food on the stove fire but after conducting on-scene interviews, firefighters notified fire investigators and SPD of prior suspicious activity. Witnesses informed fire officials that the suspect was observed kicking open the door to the apartment of origin just minutes before the onset of the fire. SPD officers located and arrested the suspect in the 8500 block of Parkdale Drive.

Whoever commits the crime of aggravated arson shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than six nor more than twenty years, and shall be fined not more than twenty-five thousand dollars. Two years of such imprisonment at hard labor shall be without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.