

July 5, 2012 - SFD Investigator Arrest Man for Attempted Aggravated Arson

4th of July incident on E. Dalzell

A Shreveport Fire Department Investigator arrested James C. Johnson, a 51 year-old male, at 2:15 AM on July 4, 2012. Johnson was booked into Shreveport City Jail for one count of Attempted Aggravated Arson.

The Fire Investigator responded to 270 East Dalzell Street at 1:18 AM on the 4th of July and was advised that a man was pouring charcoal lighter fluid around the home and was threatening to light it. When the investigator arrived on scene and interviewed Johnson, he verbally admitted that he was going to burn the house down and did pour the charcoal lighter fluid around the home. He was arrested after admitting these actions.

Louisiana RS 14:51 says a person convicted 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. As it relates to the attempted aggravated arson, LA RS 14:27 says such fine or imprisonment shall not exceed one-half of the largest fine, or one-half of the longest term of imprisonment prescribed for the offense so attempted, or both.