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HABERSHAM COUNTY MAN ARRESTED FOR ARSON, OTHER CHARGES

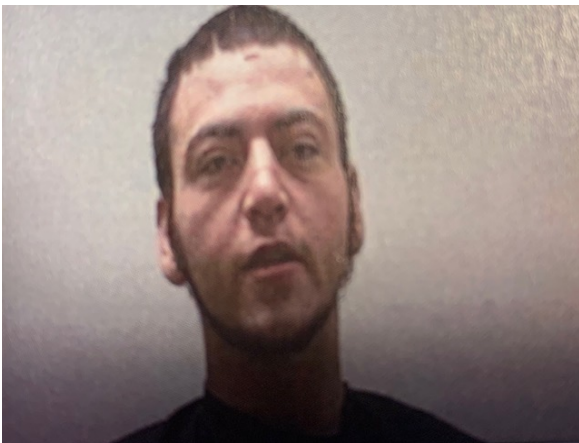
ATLANTA – Investigators with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office recently assisted with the arrest of Robert William Dagenhart, 23, of Cornelia, Georgia, for one count each of Arson in the Second Degree, Vandalism to a Place of Worship, Criminal Damage to Property in the Second Degree, Obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Entering Auto, Robbery, Theft by Shoplifting, Possession of tools for the Commission of a Crime, & Burglary. The arson charge stems from his alleged involvement in setting fire to a 2000 Toyota Avalon. He is currently in the Habersham County Detention Center, where he was denied bond.

The fire was called in around 5:20 on March 2 and was located at 474 Highway 441 Bypass in Baldwin, Georgia. The origin of the vehicle fire is the passenger compartment area. After working several thefts in the area of the vehicle fire, officers apprehended Dagenhart and charged him with the previously listed charges.

“This individual is facing a plethora of serious charges,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “On behalf of the agency, I would like to say thank you to the local law enforcement professionals that assisted with this case.”

Investigators with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office assisted the City of Cornelia Police Department, the City of Baldwin Fire Department, and the City of Baldwin Police Department with this investigation. Second Degree Arson is a felony punishable by a fine of no more than \$25,000 or by a prison term between one and ten years, or both.

Dagenhart is the twentieth individual to be arrested with the assistance of the State’s Fire Investigations Unit in 2020.



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