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HART COUNTY MAN ARRESTED FOR ARSON

ATLANTA – On Tuesday, August 13, James Colby Chastain, 25, of Vanna, Georgia was arrested by the U.S. Marshals Service in Columbia, South Carolina. He is currently awaiting extradition to Hart County, Georgia.

“It was very important that we located this individual quickly. We were able to do so because several agencies came together to work as one,” said Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “I would like to applaud not only the investigators in my office, but also the hard-working law-enforcement officials of the Hart County Sheriff’s Office and the United States Marshals Service.”

Chastain has been [wanted for First Degree Arson since July 30](#) for a [fire that occurred on July 1](#) at 658 Joe Findley Road in Royston, Georgia. The double-wide mobile home suffered major damage from the blaze. The residence was 25 years old and was 1,200 square feet at the time of the fire. It is believed that the fire started in the back left side of the home, which has been unoccupied for about one year.

Investigators with the Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office assisted the Hart County Fire Department, the Hart County Sheriff’s Office, and the U.S. Marshals Service with this investigation.

First Degree Arson is a felony punishable by a fine of no more than \$50,000 or by a prison term between one and twenty years, or both.



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