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JACKSON COUNTY MAN ARRESTED FOR ARSON

ATLANTA – On November 17, Investigators with the Safety Fire Commissioner's Office assisted with the arrest of Aaron Vaughn, 25, of Hoschton, Georgia. Vaughn faces 1 count of First Degree Arson and 1 count of Making Terroristic Threats for his alleged involvement in setting fire to the residence in which he lived. Vaughn currently sits in Jackson County Jail awaiting a bond hearing.

"Mr. Vaughn set fire to his home with two others inside. These actions show that he has no regard for human safety," said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. "Thankfully, due to the hard work of investigators, no one was injured in the fire and the suspect was captured a short time later."

The fire occurred around 4:50 P.M. on the afternoon of November 17 at 1043 Bill Watkins Road in Hoschton, Georgia. Mr. Vaughn was allegedly spotted with a lighter and gasoline near the right side, front corner of the home. The 2,000 square-foot, 19-year-old structure suffered minor damage to the exterior. Vaughn was later apprehended by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office at a friend's residence down the street.

Investigators with the Safety Fire Commissioner's Office are assisting the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and the West Jackson Fire Department 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.



