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MADISON COUNTY MAN ARRESTED FOR ARSON

ATLANTA – On April 23, Investigators with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office assisted with the arrest of Christopher Michael Tarver, 45, of Comer, Georgia, for one count of Arson in the First Degree and one count of Possession of Tools for the Commission of a Crime. [The charges stem from his alleged involvement in setting two fires to the same residence on April 11 and April 12.](#) Tarver was in the Madison County Jail facing separate charges when the new charges were brought forth against him.

The first fire occurred around 7:40 P.M. on April 11 and was set to the back left side of the residence. The second fire occurred shortly after 7:00 A.M. on April 12 and was set to the back right side of the residence. This fire completely destroyed the structure.

“Deliberately setting fire to any type of structure is not only a felony in the State of Georgia; it is incredibly dangerous,” 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.”

Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit assisted the Collins Volunteer Fire Department and the Madison County Sheriff’s Office with the 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 20 years, or both.

There have been 30 individuals arrested with the assistance of Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit in 2020.



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