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WASHINGTON COUNTY MAN CONVICTED OF ARSON, OTHER CHARGES

ATLANTA – A joint investigation between the Washington County Fire Department, the Washington County Sheriff’s Office, and the Fire Investigations Unit at the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office has resulted in the conviction of Jerry Don Jackson, 31, of Harrison, Georgia, for Arson in the First Degree, Criminal Trespass, and Hindering a 911 Call.

“The suspect was arrested in July of 2019 and has been incarcerated in Washington County since then. The case was scheduled for trial last week, but the suspect took a plea deal in the Superior Court of Washington County on February 26,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “This conviction is the result of an excellent job by local and state investigators throughout this case.”

The fire occurred on July 21, 2019 at a residence off of Medley Lane in Harrison. Further investigation revealed that a fire was set in the master bedroom of the 1,034 square-foot, 58-year-old home. Jackson was arrested July 21, 2019, the same night the fire was set.

Jackson was sentenced to twenty years in prison with eight to serve. He was also given twelve months’ probation for each the Criminal Trespass and the Hindering a 911 Call charges. Two additional charges were dropped as a result of the plea deal.

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