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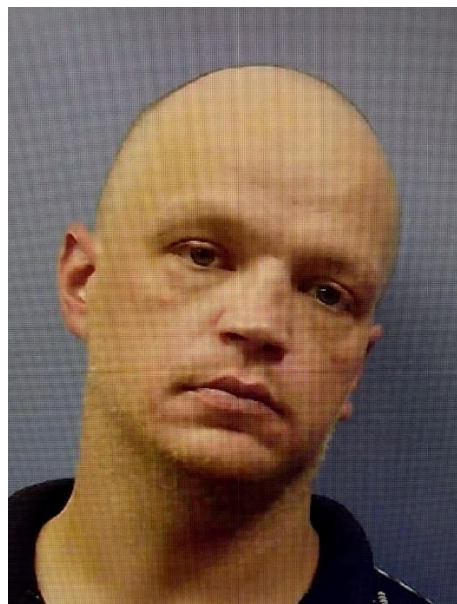
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MAN FOUND GUILTY FOR MENLO ARSON

ATLANTA – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that on Wednesday, March 2nd, Robert Swearingen, 37, was convicted of Arson in the 1st Degree, Criminal Damage to Property, Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, and Family Violence. The offender was initially arrested in connection with a [fire](#) on Riverhaven Lane in Menlo that occurred in August of 2021.

“The convicted started a fire in the basement of the residence while four other occupants were at home,” said Commissioner King. “Mr. Swearingen was subsequently given a 20-year prison sentence. I commend the work of all involved agencies to bring this dangerous individual to justice.”

Mr. Swearingen was found guilty by The Superior Court of Chattooga County. Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit assisted the Chattooga County Sheriff’s Office with this investigation



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