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STEPHENS COUNTY MAN ARRESTED FOR ARSON

ATLANTA – The Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that Shane William Ruiz, 22, has been arrested in conjunction with an incendiary fire that occurred on Sunday, September 6, at 1356 Skyline Drive in Toccoa.

The fire was preceded by a domestic dispute that occurred late at night on Saturday, September 5. After the dispute, Mr. Ruiz stayed at the home on Skyline Drive while a 26-year-old woman spent the night with family. When authorities were contacted around 4:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, the residence was fully in flames.

“The investigation into this domestic dispute and incendiary fire has been a prime example of state and local law enforcement partnering together,” said Commissioner King. “Ever since our state investigators were first contacted, we have been working alongside the City of Toccoa Police Department, the City of Toccoa Fire Department, the Carnes Creek Volunteer Fire Department, and the Stephens County Sheriff’s Office.”

Mr. Ruiz has been arrested and charged in this act of arson. He is being held at the Stephens County Jail awaiting a bond hearing.



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The mission of the Office of the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner is to protect Georgia families by providing access to vital insurance products and safe buildings through fair regulation that creates economic opportunities for all Georgians.