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### **WALKER COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH ARSON**

**ATLANTA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that Timothy Beard, 60, of Rossville, has been charged with 1<sup>st</sup>-degree arson.

At approximately 9:39 a.m. on October 6<sup>th</sup>, a fire originated in the master bedroom of a 74-year-old home on Ellis Drive in Rossville. Three occupants, the owner and two renters, were home at the time of the fire.

“Upon investigation, it was determined that Mr. Beard intentionally set fire to a bed and left without warning the other occupants,” said Commissioner King. “We are fortunate no one was injured in this incident, and that the residence suffered only minor damage. I am proud of our Fire Investigations Unit for bringing this case to a swift close.”

Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit assisted the Rossville Police and Fire Departments on this case.



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