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ARREST MADE IN BACON COUNTY ARSON

Atlanta, GA – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens announces that a warrant was issued yesterday by his Fire Investigation Unit in connection with an arson fire on May 25 in Bacon County.

James Lee Harrison, 41, of Alma, Ga., has been charged with one count of arson in the first degree, Commissioner Hudgens said. Harrison allegedly set fire to Merle Norman Boutique at 803 South Dixon Street in Alma Ga., on May 25. Damage to the structure and the contents of the building is estimated at \$100,000.

The Bacon County Fire Department and the Alma Police Department assisted with the investigation. Harrison is currently being held in the Bacon County Jail.

Arson in the first degree carries a penalty of one to 20 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$50,000.