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OXENDINE: DEPUTY ARRESTED IN LUDOWICI ARSON

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John W. Oxendine said a Long County sheriff's deputy has been charged with arson after a fire damaged his home in Ludowici, Ga.

Arrested was Robert Parker, 24, who allegedly set fire to his home at 116 Railroad Street. Parker has been charged with first-degree arson, insurance fraud and violation of oath of office.

The fire occurred late on the evening of June 22. Damage to the home was estimated at \$25,000, Oxendine said.

First-degree arson is a felony with a penalty of one to 20 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$50,000; insurance fraud is also a felony, with a penalty of two to 10 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.

Commissioner Oxendine's arson unit is assisting Long County Fire Chief Darrell Ballance in the investigation.

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