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ARREST MADE IN JEFFERSON COUNTY ARSON

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens announced today that an arrest has been made in an arson fire at a home in Jefferson County.

Rasheed L. Jennings, 21, of Augusta was arrested yesterday and charged with one count of first-degree arson. Jennings allegedly broke into the vacant home on May 18, spent the night, and then set the structure on fire before leaving, Hudgens said.

The 43-year-old home located at 6310 Old Warrenton Road, Matthews, Ga., was destroyed by the fire. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

Hudgens' Arson Unit was assisted in the investigation by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the City of Wrens Fire Department and the City of Matthews Fire Department.

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.

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