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PRESS RELEASE

Shelton Man Arrested For Arson

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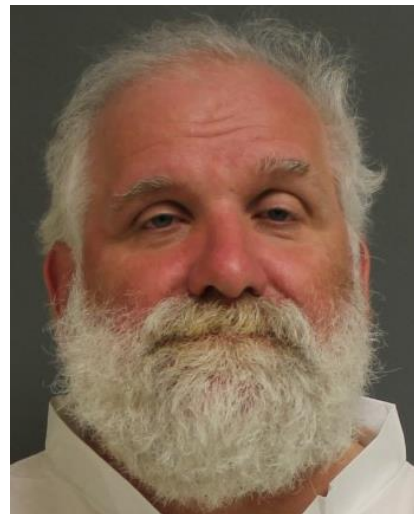
On 04/16/17 at approximately 1500 hours the Shelton Fire Department responded to and extinguished a structure fire, which started in the basement of an occupied residence in downtown Shelton. All occupants were able to safely get out of the residence.

While responding to the scene the Shelton Police Department was contacted by an area resident, who reported a male approached their house and told them that he just lit the house on fire. Shelton Police Officers were quickly able to locate the male, identified as Michael Karolkowski, age 51, of Shelton walking down Howe Ave.

Officers made contact with Karolkowski, who would not comply with Officers directives. Karolkowski was taken into custody on charges unrelated to fire investigation.

After the fire was extinguished the Shelton Police Department Detective Division, Shelton Fire Marshal's Office, and Connecticut State Police Fire and Investigation Unit conducted a follow up investigation of the incident.

Based on the investigation Karolkowski was charged with Arson 1st degree, Reckless Endangerment 1st degree, Breach of Peace 2nd degree, and interfering with an Officer. Karolkowski was placed on a \$250,000.00 bond and will be transported to Derby Superior Court on 04/17/17.



****The charges in the press release are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.****

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