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PRESS RELEASE

Date: September 8, 2018
Case Number: 18ES05532

Narrative:

On Friday, September 7, 2018 at 8:07 pm, Essex Police responded with Essex Town Fire, Essex Junction Fire and Underhill Jericho Fire to 94 Jericho Road in Essex for a single family residential structure fire. Traffic was rerouted for nearly three (3) hours while crews worked the fire scene. Nobody was injured as a result of the fire.

State of Vermont arson unit was requested to assist with the investigation. Investigation revealed the fire was a result of arson. The fire caused significant fire damage to the attached garage of the residence. The main residence suffered extensive heat and smoke damage.

As a result of the investigation, 52 year old Louis Martin was issued a Flash Citation to appear at Vermont Superior Court, Criminal Division, Chittenden County to answer the charge of First Degree Arson. Martin rents the 94 Jericho Road residence owned by the Lamell family.

Martin was released on conditions set by the Honorable Judge Waples. Martin was transported to the University of Vermont Medical Center for medical reasons unrelated to the fire.

The investigation is ongoing.

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