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Bexar County Fire Marshal Deputies Arrest Vehicle Arsonist

On June 12, 2021, the Converse Police Department requested assistance from the Bexar County Fire Marshal's Office for a suspicious vehicle fire that had occurred in the 8800 block of Sleepy Street in Converse, TX.

Over the course of their investigation, Deputy Fire Marshals identified the estranged husband of the vehicle's owner as a possible suspect. Investigators also determined that the suspect, identified as 44-year-old William North, was responsible for a second vehicle fire reported only a day later. This occurred in the 9500 block of Perrin Beitel Road in San Antonio, TX. The affected vehicle belonged to a relative of the initial victim.

North had made threats against the victim on the night of the first fire. During a previous incident, he had also threatened to harm law enforcement and fire personnel.

North was arrested by Deputy Fire Marshals on June 16, 2021, and booked into the Bexar County Adult Detention Center. He was charged with arson of a motor vehicle, a felony of the second degree.

The investigation is ongoing.

Fire Marshal Investigators focus on identifying the origin and cause of a fire or explosion incident. They investigate for possible criminal offenses involving arson and/or explosives.

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