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HPD Makes Arrest in Arson-Related Case

Harrisonburg Va. - At approximately 1:30 am. this morning, officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department responded to a disorderly conduct call for service in the 100 block of Colonial Drive. Upon arrival it was found that an ongoing dispute between neighbors had apparently culminated in one resident of the apartment complex tying trash bags to the doorknob of another residence, pouring an accelerant on the door, and lighting it with a match. The fire caused the smoke alarm inside of the common area to go off and the fire quickly extinguished itself. The Harrisonburg Fire Department also responded to the call to investigate. There were no injuries reported.

Lanae Marie Wenger, 32, of Harrisonburg was charged with arson, 2 counts of abduction, and resisting arrest.

HPD asks anyone who may have other related information in this case contact HPD's Major Crimes Unit by calling (540) 437-2640. Those who wish to remain anonymous can contact Crime Solvers by calling (540) 574-5050 or by texting "HPD" plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).



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