



## News Release



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### **FEMALE ARSONIST ARRESTED**

BREMERTON, Wash. – Acting Special Agent in Charge Douglas R. Dawson, Seattle Field Division, of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) today announced the arrest of local resident Christine Edmond in connection with an on going arson investigation ATF is working with the Bremerton Fire and Police Departments.

On Dec. 4, 2008, ATF surveillance observed Edmond as she entered the alcove of the apartment building adjacent to her own. Moments later, occupants of a nearby apartment discovered the fire, extinguished it, and contacted the fire department. The surveillance provided enough evidence for the District Attorney to authorize Edmond's arrest for arson.

“ATF’s primary concern is the safety of our citizens,” said Dawson. “Arson is a crime of violence, and ATF will continue its commitment to combat violent crime by working diligently with our local law enforcement partners.”

The public is reminded that all persons arrested are only alleged to have committed a crime. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it is the government’s burden to prove a defendant’s guilt beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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