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ATF/POLICE ARREST LEXINGTON MAN FOR ARSON IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FRANKFORT, KY.

FRANKFORT, Ky.— Special Agent in Charge Paul J. Vido of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Chief Walter Wilhoite of the Frankfort Police Department (FPD), Chief Wallace W. Possich of the Frankfort Fire Department and Fire Marshal Rodney Raby of the Kentucky State Fire Marshal's Office jointly announced that Stephen Gregory Malcolm was arrested today on a federal charge of arson for the March 4 fire in the historic downtown area of Frankfort.

Exactly one month to the day of the fire, investigators from FPD and ATF arrested Malcolm, 34, of Lexington, for the blaze that occurred at 331 St. Clair St. Previous investigation had determined that the fire was incendiary in nature and intentionally set.

“People need to understand that arson is a cowardly act,” Vido said. “This complex investigation was completed in record time due to the hard work of the investigative team and support from the community.”

Wilhoite said, “I was confident the day this investigation began we would get our man. The police are here to make sure men like this are brought to justice rapidly and we did just that.”

Malcolm is scheduled for his initial appearance in the U. S. District Court in Lexington at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

ATF is the federal agency with jurisdiction for investigating major fires and crimes of arson. More information on ATF and its programs is a www.atf.gov.

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