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## **ARREST MADE IN BURLINGTON, IOWA, CHURCH FIRES**

BURLINGTON, Iowa – The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) along with the Burlington Police Department, Burlington Fire Department and the Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office announced today that an arrest has been made in the First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church burglary and fire investigation.

Kevin Michael Ravelin, 28, who resides at 235 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Burlington, was placed under arrest at approximately 1:45 pm today at the Burlington Police Department. Ravelin was arrested on one count of burglary in the first degree for the First Methodist Church, and one count of burglary in the first degree and one count of arson in the second degree for the First Presbyterian Church. He is currently being held in the Des Moines County Jail under \$78,000 Bond.

Ravelin became a strong person of interest following his arrest April 29 for burglary in the third degree at the Hardee's restaurant on Angular Street in Burlington.

ATF deployed its Midwest National Response Team (NRT) after one fire destroyed the First United Methodist Church April 29, and smoke alarms were activated by a self-extinguished fire in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church.

Major Dan Luttenegger, acting Police Chief for Burlington, said he was pleased with the hard work of all the investigators from the many different agencies involved. "Nothing substitutes for teamwork when working a case of this magnitude and that is evident with today's swift arrest," he added.

The investigation remains active with the possibility of additional charges being filed in the future. A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

ATF is the federal agency with jurisdiction for investigating major fires and crimes of arson. More information on ATF and its programs is at [www.atf.gov](http://www.atf.gov).

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