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ATF ARRESTS BOERNE BUSINESSMAN ON ARSON VIOLATIONS

SAN ANTONIO — The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Boerne, Texas, Fire Marshal's Office, the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office and the Boerne Police Department today arrested Joseph Stasny, 39, a Boerne resident, on federal arson charges relating to a commercial fire at his restaurant Sept. 5, 2007.

A federal arrest warrant was executed this morning on Stasny for the fire occurring at his restaurant, Papa Dawggz, located at 1022 N. Main, Boerne, Texas 78006. The fire also destroyed several adjacent businesses in the same shopping center. Damages were estimated at more than \$500,000.

"This fire did not just destroy property it destroyed people's livelihoods. We are fortunate that no lives were lost, too," said Special Agent in Charge Dewey Webb, of the Houston Field Division.

ATF is the federal agency with the responsibility of enforcing federal arson statutes. ATF works closely with its state and local counterparts in joint investigations to determine the origin and cause of commercial fires.

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