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### **Bogalusa Woman Arrested for Aggravated Arson Following Apartment Fire**

**WASHINGTON PARISH-** The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal has arrested a Bogalusa woman for allegedly setting her apartment unit on fire following eviction.

Sandra A. Luter, 48, was booked into the Washington Parish Jail Thursday, May 24, for one count of Aggravated Arson.

The OSFM was contacted just before 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, to assist in determining the origin and cause of a fire at an apartment complex in the 1000 block of Union Avenue in Bogalusa. Several units received smoke and flame damage that took the Bogalusa Fire Department an hour to extinguish. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) also responded to the scene.

Investigators learned Luter had been evicted the day before and given 24 hours to leave.

During an interview, Luter immediately confessed to investigators that she had lit a shirt on fire in her utility room because she was mad. Luter was then placed under arrest.

Additional charges at the federal level are possible due to the fire involving government housing.

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