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Three Arrested in Case of DeQuincy Fatal Vehicle Fire

BEAUREGARD PARISH (November 25, 2020)- The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM), in partnership with the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office and Louisiana State Police, has arrested a Lake Charles man and his two out-of-town coworkers in connection with the death of a woman found in a burning vehicle in DeQuincy.

Morgan Douglas, 23, of Andalusia, Alabama, was booked on one count of 2nd Degree Murder, one count of Aggravated Arson, two counts of Obstruction of Justice and one count of Criminal Conspiracy.

Dixon Fife, 24, of Lake Charles, and Michael Dean Roberts, 43, of Jacksonville, Florida, were each booked on one count of Aggravated Arson, two counts of Obstruction of Justice, one count of Criminal Conspiracy and one count of Accessory After the Fact to 2nd Degree Murder.

In the morning hours of November 20, the Beauregard Fire District 2 responded to a wooded area off of Alston Cemetery Road in DeQuincy for a report of a vehicle fire. Once firefighters had the flames extinguished, a body was discovered inside.

Official identification and cause of death are pending an autopsy by the Beauregard Parish Coroner's Office. However, investigators believe the victim is a 27-year-old female Lake Charles resident.

Through extensive investigative efforts, deputies were able to connect the suspects to the victim through Fife, who had known her for several years. Fife and the other two men were roommates working together doing storm recovery jobs in the Lake Charles area.

Once the suspects were taken into custody, two of the three admitted their involvement in the victim's death and disposal of her body.

Anyone with additional information about this crime is asked to contact our Arson Hotline at 1-844-954-1221 or share the information through our online tip form found at lasfm.org.

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