

NEWPORT POLICE

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Female Arrested for Breaking, Entering, and First Degree Arson

On Friday June 22, 2012 at 2:26 p.m. Newport Fire and Police were dispatched to 302 John's Way in Newport for a structure fire. Initial police and fire units arrived to find heavy smoke coming from the second story window of the two story duplex. Fire crews conducted an interior attack and initial knock down of the fire was achieved within 13 minutes of 911 dispatch. Newport Police worked to evacuate surrounding units while fire crews conducted a secondary search of the residence. While conducting the secondary search fire crews found two separate points of origin on the fire. Fire had originated upstairs in a bedroom, and an additional point of origin downstairs in the living room. The fire scene was turned over to Newport Police Department, and along with the Carteret County Fire Marshall they collected evidence and processed the entire fire scene. Newport Police interviewed numerous witnesses and canvassed the area for any additional information. NPD Detective Chris Fuller was able to obtain suspect information related to the case and with additional assistance from NPD Officers the female suspect was located riding a bicycle along East Chatham St in Newport. Suspect was taken to NPD for interview and later charged with the following offenses listed below. It appears the fire was a result of an argument earlier in the week between the suspect and the tenant renting the unit.

“Fire and Police units remained on scene for nearly 3 hours conducting overhaul and processing the scene. Fire and EMS units from Newport, Wildwood, Mill Creek, and Carteret County Fire Marshall responded with approx 20 personnel and 7 trucks. The structure sustained heavy smoke and heat damage throughout. Fire crews did an exceptional job attacking the fire quickly, and preventing it from spreading to adjacent units which were occupied at the time of the fire.” “Newport Police Officers with assistance from the community were able to quickly identify a suspect and collect enough evidence to charge the individual responsible for the fire within 5 hours of the initial call.” “This was excellent work by all the fire and police professionals involved, and no injuries were sustained during the event.”

Suspect: MORNA COLLEEN WILLIAMS W/F 31 yoa of Newport, NC

1 Count of First Degree Arson

1 Count of Felony Breaking and Entering

Jailed in Carteret Co Jail \$20,000 Secured Bond

