

PORTLAND FIRE & RESCUE INVESTIGATORS ARREST ACCUSED ARSONISTS

On August 11, 2009, Portland Fire & Rescue Investigators arrested two people in connection to an arson fire on North Bank Avenue.

On April 22, 2009 at 3:46 am, Portland firefighters responded to the report of a fire in a house that had been extinguished by the homeowner. Firefighters discovered evidence that indicated someone had thrown an incendiary device through the front window of the house.

Portland Fire Investigators teamed up with Portland Police Gang Enforcement Team (GET) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF). One Investigator noted, "These arrests are the product of hard work over long hours by everyone on the team, but much of the credit should go to the expertise and knowledge that the Gang Enforcement Team brought to the effort."

The two suspects will both be charged with one count of Attempted Aggravated Murder, nine counts of Arson 1, and nine counts of Attempted Murder. The nine counts of Arson 1 and Attempted Murder reflect the fact that nine people were sleeping in the home at the time of the fire.