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The Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office is releasing the March 30, 2012 arrest of AARON L. FENDER, DOB: 3-08-1975 OF 5515 Evans Creek Road SW Sugarcreek, Ohio on one count of Aggravated Arson and one count of Insurance Fraud in an amount over 150,000.00

Fender was indicted by the Tuscarawas County Grand Jury after a lengthy investigation by the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio State Fire Marshall's Office for the July 27, 2011 fire at his former residence located at 3029 State Route 516 in Dover, Township. Members of the Dover Fire Department also assisted in the initial investigation.

The Fender family was not home at the time of the fire, but was camping at another location when the fire was reported and the Dover Fire Department responded. Investigators later learned that Fender had left his family at their camping site for some time and that is when he returned to the residence and set it on fire. Investigators do have a clear idea of the motives for setting the fire but are not releasing those details at this time. Several Witnesses provided information which led to the eventual charges on Fender.

Fender was booked into the Tuscarawas County Jail today after being arrested without incident at his current home on Evans Creek Road.

Captain Orvis L. Campbell