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UPDATE

Arrests made in connection with Raleigh County fire

CHARLESTON, W.V. – Two individuals have been arrested in connection to the fire that occurred on October 20, 2024, on Crestview Drive in Beckley, WV.

- David W. Cole, 30 years old, from Beckley, WV



Picture courtesy of WVRJA/WVDCR

Cole was arrested the evening of 10/25/2024 by officers with the WV State Fire Marshal's Office and charged with the following:

- First Degree Arson
- Conspiracy to commit a felony

Cole was arraigned on the morning of 10/26/2024 in Raleigh County Magistrate Court. His bond was set at \$100,000. He remains in custody in the regional jail.

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- Billy R. Workman Jr., 24 years old, from Beckley, WV



Picture courtesy of WVRJA/WVDCR

Workman turned himself in to officers with the WV State Fire Marshal's Office this morning (10/28/2024) at Raleigh County Magistrate Court. He is charged with the following:

- First Degree Arson
- Conspiracy to commit a felony

His bond was set at \$100,000 bond. Workman was originally transported to Southern Regional Jail but has since been released on bond.

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