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ARREST MADE IN APARTMENT HOUSE FIRE

Hull Police Chief Richard K. Billings, State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Hull Fire Chief Hollingshead announced the arrest of John Goguen, age 51 for setting fire to his apartment at 10 Malta Street on Saturday May 9, 2009. Police and Fire responded to 10 Malta Street at 1 A.M and found the apartment building on fire. All residents of the apartment building were evacuated safely.

Eight (8) towns responded to the three (3) alarm fire which caused an estimated \$250,000 to \$300,000 in damage to the apartment building. The fire has determined to be intentionally set.

The fire was investigated by the Hull Police Department and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Goguen who was arrested Saturday evening in Quincy with the assistance of the Quincy Police Department is being held at Bridgewater State Hospital and is due back in Hingham District Court on May 28, 2009 for arraignment.

Chief Richard Billings praised the quick work of Detective Craig Lepro, adding "I am extremely pleased with Detective Lepro's investigation of this case. I hope that by swiftly identifying, locating, and charging the person responsible, we were able to avoid a future tragedy."