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Edwards Man Says Eviction Prompted Arson

HINDS COUNTY, Miss. – La’Vadda Harris is being held in the Hinds County Detention Center following his arrest on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, on first degree arson charges. Harris confessed to State Fire Marshal’s Deputies at the Edwards Police Department that he had intentionally set a mobile home on fire around 12:30 a.m. on August 6, 2026, at 109 Mt. Moriah Road in Edwards.

Harris rented the home, which was not insured at the time of the fire. He was four months behind on rent and had been served an eviction notice two days before the fire. Harris confessed to intentionally setting fire to bed sheets using a lighter and cooking oil because he was upset by the eviction.

His initial court appearance is pending, and no bond has been set at this time. The Mississippi State Fire Marshal’s Office was assisted by the Edwards Police Department during this investigation. The charges against this individual are allegations, and individuals facing criminal charges are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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