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Brookhaven Man Accused of Setting Fire at FEMA Cottage

BROOKHAVEN, Miss. – 65-year-old Kimberly Gayten was arrested on September 16, 2026, and charged with arson. Gayten is accused of setting fire to a FEMA cottage on Fulton Street in Brookhaven, Miss. on August 28, 2026. A man inside the trailer noticed smoke outside and reported seeing Gayten running from the area. Gayten was arrested by the Brookhaven Police Department. The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) assisted with the investigation.

The trailer sustained minor fire and smoke damage to the outside. Evidence is still being examined by the Mississippi State Crime Laboratory. The total amount of damage has not yet been determined. All persons charged with a crime are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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