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STRASBURG ARSON SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

On Tuesday March 23, 2004 at about 12:27 A.M., Arapahoe County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to:

**USA Video Store
56830 E. Colfax Avenue
Strasburg, Colorado 80136**

on a reported structure fire. Upon arrival Deputies observed smoke and flames on the east end of the building.

During the time that the fire suppression efforts were being conducted, deputies contacted a person identified as:

**Preston Daine Williams
(Age 19)
1591 Wagner Street
Strasburg, CO 80136
(Photograph Attached)**

Williams made suspicious statements to deputies concerning his reason for being on the scene. A subsequent warrants check revealed that Williams was wanted by the El Dorado County, California Sheriff's Office as a Fugitive of Justice for Sexual Assault. Williams was booked into the Sheriff's Office Detentions Facility on the warrant with a NO BOND hold for California.

The Strasburg Fire Department had the fire under control in approximately one hour. There was extensive damage to the building, to include the USA Video Store, which was considered a total loss.

The other areas of the building suffered extensive smoke and water damage. The total loss was estimated at about \$100,000.00

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On Wednesday March 24, 2004, during an interview with Arapahoe County Sheriff's Investigators, Williams made statements, which gave investigators probable cause to believe that he was responsible for the arson fire of the USA Video Store. A criminal case filing will be presented the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office charging Williams with the following violations:

C.R.S. 18-4-202 First Degree Burglary (2 counts), a Class 3 Felony

A Class 3 Felony is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration within the Colorado Department of Corrections for 4 to 12 years, and a fine of \$3,000 to \$750,000.

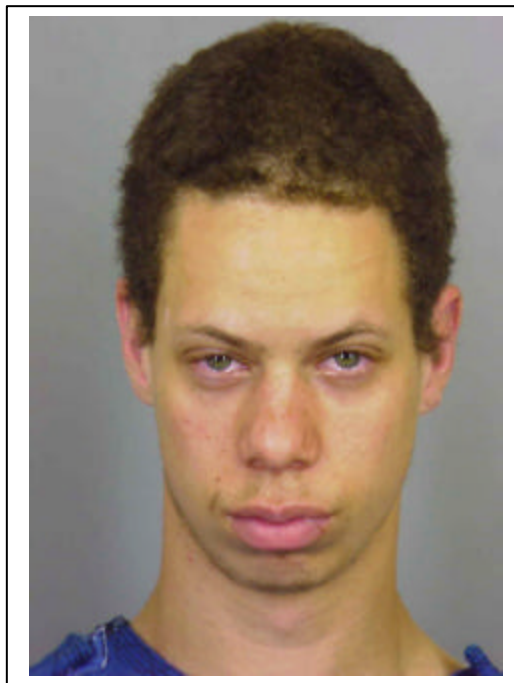
C.R.S. 18-4-101 First Degree Arson, a class 3 Felony

A Class 3 Felony is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration within the Colorado Department of Corrections for 4 to 12 years, and a fine of \$3,000 to \$750,000.

C.R.S. 18-4-401 Theft (\$100-500), a class 2 Misdemeanor

A Class 2 Misdemeanor is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration within the County Jail for 3 to 12 months, and a fine of \$250 to \$1,000.

For further information, contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720-874-4165.



Williams, Preston Daine

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