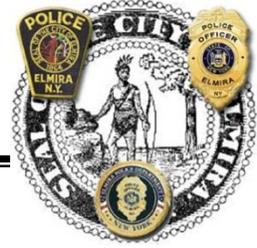


PRESS RELEASE

Elmira Police Department 317 East Church Street, Elmira, New York 14901



From: Sgt. Joseph Linehan **Contact Number:** (607) 737-5626

Date: February 16th 2024

Subject: Arson Arrest

On February 15th 2024 at approximately 7:15 PM Elmira Police Department Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 500blk of Pennsylvania Ave for a reported structure fire. Elmira Fire Department Investigators on scene indicated that the fire appeared to be suspicious. A suspect was developed and the matter was further investigated by the Elmira Police Department. The results of the investigation determined that an occupant of the residence set the house on fire while the residence was occupied by three other persons related to the suspect.

As a result of this investigation the Elmira Police Department has charged Edwin A Bennett, an 18 year-old resident of Elmira, with Arson in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony. Bennett is being held at the Elmira Police Department pending arraignment in Elmira City Court.

The Elmira Police Department would like to thank the Elmira Fire Department for their assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,

Sgt. Joseph Linehan