

# Man and woman arrested on arson charges for last night's North Front Street fire

New Bedford Police have charged two people in connection with a fire Thursday at 314 North Front Street/32 Tallman Street. The structure has two addresses.

New Bedford Police and Fire responded to reports of a structure fire at that address at 7:19 p.m. Everyone evacuated the building safely, including a resident who climbed out of a skylight and was rescued from the roof by firefighters.

No one was injured. Five cats were rescued as well.

After an investigation, police arrested Brad Westgate, 39, of 75 Chipaway Road, Freetown, on charges of arson. Charges of arson were also filed against Rose Bowman, 33, of 596 County St., New Bedford. The arrests were made at 10:55 p.m.