

# Wareham man arrested for arson, attempted murder for Mar 29 attack on woman

An arrest has been made in connection with an arson fire which destroyed a home at 36 Restful Lane, Wareham, on the morning of March 29, 2018.

As a result of an investigation, Mondel Johnson, age 40 of 18 Barker Road East Wareham, was arrested in Fall River on Thursday evening, April 5. The arrest was made by Wareham Police detectives, troopers from the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Fire Marshal's office and the Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section, as well as officers from the Fall River and New Bedford Police. Mr. Johnson was transported to Wareham Police Headquarters, where he was held without bail, pending arraignment at Wareham District Court on Friday morning.

During the course of the investigation into the cause of the fire, detectives determined that Mr. Johnson had attacked a female inside the home, doused her with a fluid, and set the home on fire. The victim was able to escape and run to a nearby residence for assistance. The victim was treated and released from Tobey Hospital.

Mr. Johnson is being charged by Wareham Police as follows:

1. Attempted Murder
2. Arson of a Dwelling House
3. Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon

The Wareham Police Department appreciates the cooperation between the multiple police agencies as well as the Wareham Fire Department.