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ARREST MADE IN COLD CASE ARSON

SUFFOLK, VA (April 30, 2010) Suffolk Fire and Rescue's Office of the Fire Marshal has made an arrest in a four-year-old arson case. Investigators advise that in March of 2006, firefighters responded to an apartment fire at Hoffler Apartments in the 2200 blk. of E. Washington St.

The fire to a vacant apartment caused approximately \$23,000 in damage. Fortunately, no one was injured. The case was assigned to the Office of the Fire Marshal for investigation.

Fire Investigator Pam King received information on the case and was able to develop a suspect. She forwarded the case to the Commonwealth Attorney's Office in March of 2010. A Grand Jury indictment for Ronald N. Steward Sr., age 39, of the 2500 blk. of East Washington St. was issued this week.

The indictment, for burning or destroying a building, was served on Steward yesterday at Western Tidewater Regional Jail, where he is currently an inmate on unrelated charges.

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