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Investigation leads to arrest of arson suspect

Salem, Ore. — During the early morning hours of December 26, 2020, several fires were started at the Salem City Hall which caused an estimated \$5,000 in damages.

The fires were started in the basement of the parking structure causing only minor damage. Fires were also set adjacent to offices on the second level. Additionally, several fire extinguishers were stolen and discharged on the outer doors of second floor offices.

One of the fires set in the city hall space near Peace Plaza burned and caused approximately \$5,000 damage to an industrial service cable belonging to Howard S. Wright Construction, a company currently working on the library renovations.

Arson investigator, Detective Jeff Gordon, conducted an extensive investigation and identified Scott David Henry, age 37 of Salem, as the suspect. Henry is currently being held on unrelated charges in the Polk County Jail pending his arraignment in Marion County on the following new charges for this case: Second degree arson, first degree criminal mischief, and second degree theft.

As this is a pending criminal case, no further information will be released at this time.

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