

Gastonia Police Department

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Arson

At approximately 5:24 p.m. on Jan. 2, Gastonia Fire and Police responded to the Dollar Tree, 2984 E. Franklin Blvd. When units arrived, smoke was coming from the front of the store and all occupants were evacuated. Fire units entered the building and located a fire in the food section of the business. The fire sprinklers in the area had activated and extinguished most of the fire. The fire has been determined to be arson.

Detectives conducted interviews of the employees, witnesses, and patrons of the business while on scene. Based on the fire department and police departments' investigation of the fire, Todd Alexander Bryson, 16, of Lyon St., Gastonia, has been charged in this case with NCGS 14-62 Burning Certain Building.

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