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Man Charged with Setting Apartment Fire

Town of Lysander, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that Sheriff's Deputies have charged a Lysander man in connection with an early morning fire at the Drumlin-Heights Apartment Complex in the Town of Lysander.

This morning at approximately 2:30 AM, sheriff's deputies along with firefighters from multiple fire departments were dispatched to a reported structure fire at the Drumlin-Heights Apartments located on Meadow Briar Lane. Upon deputies arriving, witnesses reported observing one of the tenants fleeing the scene. Deputies entered the building to safely evacuate the remaining tenants when they discovered an active fire in apartment 3475.

Deputies identified the fleeing tenant as 60 year old Francis Hughes and began searching the area for him. Prior to locating Hughes, Investigators with the Onondaga County Fire Investigations Unit were called to the scene and determined that the fire was intentionally set in Hughes apartment. Hughes was located a short time later in the apartment complex where he was taken into custody.

It took 40 minutes for firefighters to get the blaze under control, which caused significant damage to four of the eight units, forcing tenants to stay elsewhere.

Sheriff's Detectives charged Hughes with arson in the 2nd degree, criminal mischief in the 2nd degree and reckless endangerment in the 1st degree. He was arraigned in the Town of Lysander Court before Judge Bryant, who remanded Hughes to the Justice Center on bail set at \$100,000 cash \$200,000 bond.

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