



FRANKLIN COUNTY **SHERIFF**

PRESS RELEASE

CASE #: 24FRC002257

DATE(s)/Time(s): 05/14/24 1:55 PM
First Degree Arson
Simple Assault

Incident Type/Charge(s): Assault of Protected Professional; Assault with Bodily Fluids
Disorderly Conduct
Reckless Endangerment

Location of Incident: 306 South Main Street, St. Albans, VT

Accused: Eric Honsinger, DOB 05/14/2024

All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The Sheriff's Office does not set bail or conditions of release and is not involved in the decision to modify or dismiss cases submitted to the courts. Further, the Sheriff's Office doesn't publish names of minors or victims of domestic or sexual assault.

Summary:

On 05/14/24, at approximately 1:55 PM, Franklin County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 306 South Main Street in the Town of St. Albans for a report that Eric Honsinger was threatening a female. As deputies were responding, they were advised that there was a large amount of black smoke coming from this location and that Honsinger had apparently fled the scene. St. Albans Town Fire also responded and were able to quickly contain the fire. It was learned that a witness reported seeing Honsinger in the vicinity of Mac's Quick Stop on Main Street in St. Albans a short time after the initial call. A Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy responded and after a brief struggle, was able to detain Honsinger.

It is believed that Honsinger set fire to the structure at 306 South Main Street. Further, Honsinger is believed to have threatened multiple people in the vicinity with a knife, a taser and pepper spray. While in custody, Honsinger was combative and on multiple occasions, spit in the direction of the deputy after making several threats to do so. Honsinger also spit and kick about the interior of the cruiser attempting to cause damage and further assault the deputy.

Honsinger was ultimately lodged at the Northwest Regional Correctional Facility on \$10,000 cash bail. Honsinger will be arraigned at Vermont District Court in St. Albans today (05/15/24) at 1:00 PM to answer the above charges.

Additional charges are likely as the investigation continues. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the St. Albans Police Department.

