

Mason Man Sentenced to Prison for Aggravated Arson

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Tyler Nalder, 26, of Mason, Ohio, was sentenced to six years in prison today by Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Michael Gilb after pleading guilty to aggravated arson, a first degree felony; child endangering, a first degree misdemeanor; and domestic violence, a fourth degree misdemeanor.

On April 18, 2016, Nalder went to his ex-girlfriend's residence in Lebanon, Ohio, where he got into an altercation with a male friend of hers. After leaving the house, Nalder sent several threatening text messages to both victims. Later in the early morning hours, Nalder returned to the victim's house after filling up a bottle with gasoline at a nearby gas station. When Nalder got to the house, he poured the gasoline along the back of the house and lit a rag to start the fire. The house caught fire and Nalder fled the scene before the police and fire department arrived. The victims were inside the house at the time, as well as the victim's small children, one of whom is the son of Nalder. After seeing orange flames and the smell of smoke, they all exited to safety.

Prosecutor David P. Fornshell commended the investigative efforts of Detective Greg Spanel, Detective John Wetzel, and the other responding officers of the Lebanon Police Department, the Lebanon Fire Department, and the prosecution team of Assistant Prosecutor John Arnold, Investigator Patty Dratt, Director of Victim Witness Division Jessi Flint, and Legal Assistant Kathy Fink.



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