

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Arson

On 9/1/2023, at approximately 5:50 p.m., the DeKalb Fire Department and the DeKalb Police Department were dispatched to 1215 Blackhawk Road, formerly Fanatico restaurant, in reference to an active structure fire. After the fire was extinguished, DeKalb Police Department Detectives, DeKalb Fire Department Arson Investigators, and a Special Agent from the Office of the State Fire Marshall responded to the scene. Investigators determined that Arson was the cause of the fire and evidence was collected.

Observant witnesses in the area provided a description of possible suspects. Public Safety Cameras, privately owned cameras, and license plate readers were reviewed to help identify the suspects.

Through the course of the investigation, investigators discovered Rasim Spaijoski paid Richard Chase for starting the fire at the business. Officers learned that Richard Chase paid Joshua Patton to assist with starting the fire. Additional evidence was collected to confirm that Spaijoski encouraged Chase to start the fire. Additional charges are possible against the suspects in this investigation.

The following individuals were arrested and transported to the DeKalb County Jail:

- **Richard Chase** (M/W 03/15/58)
 - Arson (Class 2 Felony) and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4 Felony).
- **Joshua Patton** (M/W 9/6/85)
 - Arson (Class 2 Felony) and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4 Felony).
- **Rasim Spaijoski** (M/W 5/14/85)
 - Solicitation (Class 2 Felony) and Arson (Class 2 Felony).

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

*If you witnessed this incident or have any information that can help with this investigation,
Please contact the DeKalb Police Department.*

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