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Arsonist Arrested

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On Friday, November 18, Micah Kreisler was arrested and charged with 7 counts of arson in connection with the recent spate of suspicious fires in Putnam County. Kreisler, 21, is an Algood resident. He was booked into Putnam County Jail on a bond of \$35,000. The recent fires are still under an ongoing investigation and other charges may be pending.

“We are fortunate that only minor injuries were sustained by a couple of firemen while extinguishing the fires. Knowing that the fires were intentionally set and with the drought in this county, there’s a lot at stake here,” said Sheriff Eddie Farris. “I’d like to commend all the efforts of the Sheriff’s Department and County Fire Department as well as State Bomb & Arson. These types of investigations have many parts and our dispatch team at the Sheriff’s Office has done an excellent job in helping us to piece some of these parts together. As always, these types of investigations take a team effort including the community as well. As said before, this investigation is still ongoing and more arrests are expected to be made, so we continue to ask for the community’s support and awareness.

“I just want to thank all of the agencies involved,” said Chief Tom Brown of the Putnam County Fire Department. “In these types of investigations, it’s a team effort and nothing works if we aren’t working together. We ask that residents stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity. Please remember that Putnam County is still under a statewide Burn Ban until mid-December. Recent limited rains have not been sufficient to mitigate the risk of wildfires in our county.”

Sheriff Farris encourages anyone with information in connection with these fires to call the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office at 931-528-8484.

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