



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE  
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On Monday August 30, 2010 at 1237 pm, a Task force made up of Norwich Police Department Detectives and Connecticut State Police Major Crime Detectives served a valid felony arrest warrant on the following subject at New Britain Probation Office. He was taken into custody without incident.

ACCUSED: Steven A. Lamotte, DOB: 06/19/1987  
374 South Main Street, Apt. 404, New Britain, CT

CHARGES: Arson 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
Criminal Mischief 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

On August 11, 2007 at 10:31 pm the Preston Fire Department responded to the former Norwich State Hospital for a reported structure fire. The first responding units discovered the second floor of the administration building to have a room engulfed in flames. No one was injured in fighting the fire. Subsequent investigation revealed the fire to be Incendiary at the time. This fire was investigated by the Preston Fire Marshal's Office and Arson Investigation Troopers assigned to the Connecticut State Police Office of State Fire Marshal.

As part of the ongoing investigation by members of the Norwich Police Department, City of Norwich Fire Marshal's Office, Preston Fire Marshal's Office, and the Connecticut State Police Office of the State Fire Marshal and State Police Eastern District Major Crime Detectives into suspicious fires in the area; information was obtained that led to the arrest of LaMotte for the fire at the Norwich State Hospital.

LaMotte was held on a \$250,000 Cash Bond pending arraignment before Norwich Superior Court GA 21 on Tuesday 08/31/2010.

The joint investigation is ongoing and further arrests are pending. Police are asking anyone with information regarding this investigation to call the Connecticut State Police Troop E -Montville at 860.848.6500, or the Anonymous Tip Line at 860.848.6545.

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