

Atchison man charged with attempted arson

**Formal charges are filed against an Atchison man who police say attempted to set a house on fire during a disturbance last weekend.**

**A release from Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson says 34-year-old Delvin Debnam is charged with attempted aggravated arson.**

**The charge, filed by the Atchison County Attorney's Office, follows Debnam's arrest last Saturday evening after police were called to a residence in the 1500 block of Atchison's Commercial Street to, according to the release, "investigate a report of a man trying to set a house on fire."**

**When they arrived at the residence, police located Debnam, while other officers located a 38-year-old woman who had left the home.**

**According to Wilson, "it was determined that a disturbance had occurred at the residence between Debnam and the [woman], who both reside at the residence, and during the disturbance [Debnam] threatened to burn the house down."**

**Wilson further explains, in the release, that "although there was no active fire found at the house, the investigation determined that Debnam had attempted several times to start a fire in the house."**

**Debnam was arrested and booked into the Atchison County Jail, with the attempted aggravated arson charge filed this week.**

**Debnam remains in custody at the Atchison County Jail. His bond is set at \$50,000.**

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