

Arsonist Sentenced For Attempting To Set Fire To Police Vehicle

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RIOT ARSONIST SENTENCED FOR ATTEMPTING TO SET FIRE TO RALEIGH POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

RALEIGH, N.C. – A Raleigh man was sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment today for attempting to set fire to a marked police vehicle in Raleigh after a demonstration over the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mikwan Domell Garfield of Raleigh, was arrested by special agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) on October 22, 2020 and was charged with one count of attempting to damage or destroy by fire a vehicle owned or possessed by an institution receiving federal financial assistance. Garfield pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States.

According to court documents, on May 31, 2020, at approximately 12:31 a.m. a fire was discovered coming from the fuel filler area of a police vehicle owned by the Raleigh Police Department (RPD), that was parked at the Raleigh Police Southeast District Station (RPSDS) in Raleigh. The fire was discovered and extinguished by an RPD Captain who was driving through the parking lot prior to the fire departments arrival. The fire caused approximately \$5,000 in damage to the police vehicle. Investigators seized a charred sock located within the fuel filler of the damaged vehicle, a bottle with the odor of gasoline was located on the sidewalk, behind the damaged vehicle, and another charred sock located between the vehicle and the sidewalk.

On June 2, 2020, investigators were notified that a fingerprint was lifted from the seized bottle recovered at the scene and determined the fingerprint belonged to Garfield's co-defendant, Jabari Davis, who was sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment on March 15, 2021.

G. Norman Acker, III, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina made the announcement after sentencing by U.S. District Judge James C. Dever III. The Raleigh Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) investigated

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the case and Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel W. Smith prosecuted the case.