



# NEWS RELEASE

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### Southside Man Charged in Commercial Building Fire



**Name:** Eric HOWARD, 22  
6300 block of S. California

**Charges:** Two felony counts of Arson/Real/Personal Prop>\$150  
Issuance of Warrant

**Bond:** Central Bond Court, 2600 S. California Ave. – July 30, 2015

**Narrative:** HOWARD was positively identified as the person who was observed entering a secured building's stairway at 3200 N. Sheffield on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:55 am, then exiting after a fire occurred. HOWARD admitted that he used a lighter to ignite carpeting in the stairwell and to ignite a bag inside a commercial dumpster at the same location. No injuries were reported and HOWARD was charged accordingly. No further information available at this time.

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