



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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### Offender Charged with Aggravated Arson



**Offender:** Toma Smith, 49  
600 block of W. Lawrence Dr.  
Chicago, Illinois

**Charge:** One (1) felony count – Arson – AGG Arson/Know Person Present

**Court:** Central Bond Court – 2600 S. California – January 25, 2023

**Narrative:** The above offender was arrested by the Chicago Police Department on January 24, 2023, at approximately 6:20 p.m. in the 700 block of W. Lawrence Ave. He was positively identified as the offender who, moments earlier, lit an incendiary object to cause a fire inside of a building in the 1000 block of W. Lawrence Ave. (19th District). The offender was placed into custody and charged accordingly. No additional information is available at this time.

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