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## Chief Wishart

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Sergeant Smith, Detective Fenn, and the staff of the Granby Police Department on the arrest of Scott Szaban for the burning of a home on Chicopee Street. Working together with the Massachusetts State Police assigned Fire Marshal's office, and the ATF they utilized local knowledge and skill to facilitate this arrest. This investigation began at the initial 911 call concluding four months later. Through accurate dispatch times and keen observations by police and fire personnel we were able to launch an aggressive investigation. In fact it was Sargent O'Grady and officer Poehler's attention to detail while securing the scene that advanced the initial investigation. Without their observations that night I am not sure we would have been as successful.

I am convinced that this arrest has prevented future fires and possible injuries to first responders and residents alike. Through teamwork and professionalism Granby is a safer community today. Thank you for making this possible.

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Russ Anderson

Fire Chief