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## LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATE APPARENT ARSON, SUSPICIOUS DEATH IN THIEF RIVER FALLS

ST. PAUL — Law enforcement officials are investigating an apparent arson and suspicious death at a residence located at 307 1/2 Arnold Ave. S., Thief River Falls, Minn.

A 911 caller reported a fire at the residence shortly after 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27. The home has two apartments, one on the lower level and the other on the upper level. The Thief River Falls Fire Department extinguished the fire and discovered a body in the upper-level apartment.

The cause and manner of death, and the identity of the female victim, will be released by the Ramsey County Medical Examiner following initial autopsy results.

A suspect in the case has been arrested on suspicion of arson and second-degree murder. Devon James Pulczynski, 23, was the renter at the residence and was booked into the Pennington County Jail.

Agencies involved in the response and investigation include the Thief River Falls Police Department, Pennington County Sheriff, Marshall County Sheriff, Minnesota State Fire Marshal, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension agents and crime scene team, and Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force.

This is an active and ongoing investigation.

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