

MEDIA RELEASE

Man Arrested on Arson Charge After Starting Fire Inside Store

May 30, 2021

On Saturday, May 29, 2021, at 4:25 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies serving the City of Cornelius responded to an unwanted person call at the Walmart store located at 220 N Adair Street. It was reported that a male was trying to start a fire inside the store.

When deputies arrived on scene, they noticed many customers exiting the store. They quickly located a male standing over a small fire, which he started by lighting greeting cards and other paper goods on fire. The male had also knocked over several displays.

Deputies and Cornelius Fire Department personnel quickly extinguished the fire. Fortunately, no one was injured. The fire caused several hundred dollars in damage to merchandise and displays.

Deputies arrested 30-year-old Matthew J. Holt and lodged him at the Washington County Jail on the following allegations:

- Arson I
- Recklessly Endangering Another
- Parole Violation



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