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HOUSE FIRE LEADS TO ARREST OF BLAIRSVILLE MAN FOR ARSON

HIAWASSEE, GA, AUGUST 5, 2009: Late Wednesday, August 3, 2009, emergency personnel responded to a house fire in Young Harris, GA.

Since the state Fire Marshal was not immediately available, Lt. Donaldson of the Towns County Sheriff's Office, who is trained in arson investigation, was able to determine that the fire was suspicious. Initial witness statements corroborated that the fire was possibly set intentionally. Towns County Sheriff's Office detectives developed a possible suspect in the case. William Corey Carpenter of Blairsville, GA was interviewed two days later and confessed to setting the fire. He was arrested and charged with arson in the third degree.

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