

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **TWO ARRESTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ARSON AND CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT CRIMINAL MISCHIEF IN EARLY MORNING INCIDENTS.**

GOFFSTOWN – March 12, 2007

A Goffstown man and a Goffstown youth were arrested this morning for setting fires to a building and a vehicle. They were also charged in a separate incident of damaging a building and a car.

Robert Audette of Goffstown, age 17, and a second Goffstown Juvenile were arrested this morning at the Goffstown Plaza. Both are being charged with two counts of Conspiracy to Commit Arson, a Class B Felony and two counts of Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Mischief also Class B felony.

On Monday, March 12, 2007 at 0735 police received a call of a structure fire, located at 37 Joffre St, in Goffstown. It was quickly determined that the house was unoccupied. The fire seemed to have partially extinguished itself, minimizing the damage to the structure. No injuries were reported. Goffstown Fire Department determined the fire was suspicious in nature.

An investigation by the Officers Paul Lavallee and David Rivard at the scene produced the description of two possible suspects. Sgt. Patrick Sullivan eventually located the suspects in the area of McDonalds on Mast Rd. After a brief foot pursuit, the suspects were apprehended.

Later, police received a separate call of criminal mischief at Kingdom Hall, located at 98 Daniel Plummer Rd. Officer Paul Lavallee was sent to investigate this call. He found a truck owned by Robert Wike of Goffstown had been burned in the Kindom Hall parking lot. He also discovered damage to the Kingdom Hall building and a car owned by Jacob Thorton of Goffstown. Both vehicles had been parked in the parking lot at that location. Investigators were able to quickly link these incidents to the house fire.

The adult is being held on \$10,000.00 cash or surety bail with an arraignment set for 0800 on March 13, in the Goffstown District Court. The youth involved is currently being detained in the juvenile justice system.

This matter is still under investigation. More charges and or arrests may follow in the future.

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