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Arrest Made in Southeast Arson

Rescued Man Under Arrest

(Washington, DC) – Fire Investigators last night arrested a man who firefighters had just rescued from a burning Southeast Washington apartment. Officials have placed arson charges against 32-year-old Roderick Ridley, who will face arraignment today.

Fire & EMS units were dispatched at 8:25 last night for the report of smoke coming from the top floor of a four-story apartment building in the 3900 block of D Street, Southeast. First arriving firefighters on Engine 30 (The Heights) reported smoke evident from the outside of the building. Upon entry, firefighters found fire inside the apartment. Simultaneous to attacking the fire, firefighters searched the apartment for possible victims. In another area of the apartment, the lifeless body of a man was found. He was quickly removed by firefighters and delivered to paramedics outside the building.

Subsequent to his release from the hospital, fire investigators were able to speak with Ridley. Based on information acquired through the investigation, he was placed in the custody of Metropolitan Police.

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