

Rexburg woman arrested for burglary, arson

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REXBURG - Police have arrested a Rexburg woman for breaking into the AMET building early Saturday morning and starting a fire in an office.

Dolores R. Asbell, 35, is in the Madison County Jail facing pending charges of burglary and arson, both felonies. Bail information was not immediately available Monday.

Capt. Randy Lewis of the Rexburg Police Department said a fire alarm came in at 2:20 a.m. and police and firefighters responded to the building at 355 Dividend Drive.

He said when they arrived on the scene, the fire had already been extinguished by the building's fire sprinkler system, but there was a broken window and an unlocked door. Lewis stated that a traffic stop about an hour and a half later in the same vicinity resulted in the arrest.

Police say they believe Asbell acted alone.

Assistant Fire Chief David Davis of the Madison Fire Department said the fire appeared to have started in a stack of papers on top of a filing cabinet and also **burned a plastic artificial plant before the sprinkler put it out.**

He said damage was limited to minimal smoke and fire damage and some water damage.

Once arson was suspected, the fire department turned the investigation over to the police, he said.

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