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FIREFIGHTERS INDICTED ON ARSONS COUNTS

UPPER MARLBORO, MD – Prince George's County State's Attorney, Glenn F. Ivey announced today that a grand jury has indicted** two volunteer firefighters, Jerome Engle, 46, of Bowie, and James R. Martinez, 24, of Damascus, with arson and burglary in connection with setting fire to a building located at 5413 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, MD on March 17, 2008. Martinez also is charged with making a false report.

Engle is a firefighter with the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department and Martinez is a career firefighter with the Montgomery County Maryland Department of Fire and Rescue Services and former volunteer firefighter with the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department.

Engle is charged with six counts:

- second degree arson,
- burglary,
- conspiracy to commit second degree arson,
- burning with intent to defraud, and
- malicious burning

Martinez is charged with seven counts:

- second degree arson,
- burglary,
- conspiracy to commit second degree arson,
- burning with intent to defraud,
- malicious burning, and
- making a false report

If convicted of all charges, Engle faces up to 51 years in prison and Martinez faces up to 54 years in prison.

Investigation of this incident is on-going; anyone with information should contact the Prince George's County Fire Department 301-77ARSON.

For more information, please contact Ramon V. Korionoff in the Office of the State's Attorney.

****An indictment is not a finding of guilt. Individuals charged by indictment are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceeding.**

STATE OF MARYLAND, Prince George's County, to wit:

THE GRAND JURORS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND FOR THE BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, ON THEIR OATH DO PRESENT THAT **JEROME ENGLE** ON OR ABOUT THE 17TH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT, IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND BURNED OR SET FIRE TO 5413 RIVERDALE ROAD, RIVERDALE, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN VIOLATION OF § 6-103 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE AGAINST THE PEACE, GOVERNMENT AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE. (**2ND DEGREE ARSON**)

SECOND COUNT

THE GRAND JURORS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND FOR THE BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, ON THEIR OATH DO PRESENT THAT **JEROME ENGLE** ON OR ABOUT THE 17TH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT, IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND DID BREAK AND ENTER THE STOREHOUSE OF 5413 RIVERDALE ROAD, RIVERDALE, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, WITH THE INTENT TO COMMIT SECOND DEGREE ARSON, IN VIOLATION OF § 6-203 (a) OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE AGAINST THE PEACE, GOVERNMENT AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.(**2ND DEGREE BURGLARY-ARSON**)

THIRD COUNT

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FIFTH COUNT

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