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**SEVEN JUVENILES SUSPECTED IN DREW SCHOOL FIRE**

*JACKSON, Miss.* – Seven juveniles are accused of setting two separate fires at a vacant school located at 288 Green Avenue, Drew, MS 38737. The first fire was set on October 14, 2023 and extinguished by the Drew Volunteer Fire Department with minimal damage. The second fire was set on October 15, 2023 and caused the structure to burn and collapse. The fire involved a school building that was no longer being used and was in the process of being added to the Historical Register in Sunflower County, Miss.

Following an investigation by the Mississippi State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO), the Drew Police Department arrested four 15-year-olds and two 14-year-olds. They are charged with one count of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Arson and one count of Trespass each. All are confined to their homes pending their court appearance. Their names are being withheld because they are minors. A seventh juvenile is still at large.



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