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Eau Claire Police Arrest Man for Arson and Attempted Homicide

On January 21, 2022, just after midnight, Eau Claire Police and Eau Claire Fire responded to the 700 block of Hobart Street for a structure fire.

When officers arrived, they found the house on fire and residents informed them everyone inside had been evacuated.

Initial witness statements revealed the fire was started intentionally. The suspect was identified as Thomas T. Hicks (DOB 08/15/1980). Responding officers observed Hicks' vehicle leaving the scene and he was taken into custody during a traffic stop.

Investigators learned there were four adults and three children in the house when the fire was started. No injuries were reported by the residents.

Hicks was charged with one count of Arson – 943.02(1)(a), seven counts of Attempted 1st Degree Intentional Homicide – 940.01(1)(a), and seven counts of 1st Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety - 941.30(1). His initial court appearance was Tuesday January 25th at 1100.

There are no additional people being sought in connection to this incident.

The Eau Claire Police Department would like to thank the following agencies for their assistance: Eau Claire Fire Department, City Transit, Department of Human Services, Victim Witness Services and Crisis Response, the Eau Claire District Attorney's Office and the Red Cross.

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