



# St. Petersburg Police Department News Release



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## **Suspects Arrested In RV Arson**

Arrested Suspects;

1. Jimmy Lee Davis, B/M, 04/18/91 of 2301 DeSoto Way South, St. Petersburg
2. Joshua Barron Whitlock, B/M, 06/18/90 of 2219 Anastasia Way South, St. Petersburg

On 12/29/10 a video (attached) was released via Media Alert seeking tips regarding the arson to an RV which occurred at Bad to The Bone Auto Accessories, 1446 34th Street South, St. Petersburg on 12/16/10.

In the video, two suspects, both wearing black hooded jackets can be seen near the rear of the RV, dousing it with a liquid from a gas can and then igniting it. The video stops when the surveillance camera malfunctions due to the heat from the fire.

The RV, a 2007 Ingersoll-Rand "Hurricane" Recreation Vehicle, was valued at approximately \$100,000 and was a total loss.

On 01/06/11, investigators arrested Joshua Whitlock in connection with the arson and then on 01/12/11, a second suspect, Jimmy Lee Davis turned himself in at police headquarters. Both were charged with second degree arson.

Investigators believe that the arson was instigated by Davis who was apparently in dispute with Bad to the Bone regarding some work the business had done on his car. Davis did not feel that the business had made appropriate amends and decided to set fire to the RV in revenge.

Investigators are still attempting to identify a third subject believed to be a w/m who is seen at the beginning of the video wearing a gray hooded jacket over a back shirt with camouflage pants and black shoes walking away from the front of the business at around the time of the fire. Reward money is available for any information which leads to his arrest.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Bill Schorn at 727-892-5212 or the Tip Line at 727-892-5000 or Text a Tip at 727-420-8911.

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