



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

WASHINGTON, SC.

CRIMINAL INFORMATION NO:  
W2-2019- 0356A

vs.

GARY DRAKE,  
alias John Doe

CRIMINAL INFORMATION

The Attorney General of the State of Rhode Island charges:

That GARY DRAKE, alias John Doe, of Washington County, on or about the 7th day of November, 2018, in the Town of Charlestown, in the County of Washington, did knowingly cause, procure, aid, counsel or create, by means of fire the damage of personal property, to wit, a fifth wheel camper trailer, a small boat, and a canoe belonging to Edgar Goulet, of a value over One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), in violation of §11-4-5 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended (Reenactment of 2002).

Against the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State.

ROBERT P. MCKENNA  
Special Assistant Attorney General  
Designated by the Attorney General

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Garry S. Drake (DOB 03/06/1983)

CRIMINAL INFORMATION NO

(DEFENDANT) (s)  
CRIMINAL INFORMATION FACE SHEET  
Documents & Objects

- Exhibit Number 1. Police Narrative + Affidavit
- Exhibit Number 2. Charlestown Police Offense Report 18-540-OF
- Exhibit Number 3. Charlestown Police Warrant 19-1-WA
- Exhibit Number 4. Charlestown Police Arrest Report 19-87-AR
- Exhibit Number 5. RI State Fire Marshal Incident Report 18SFM-268-OF
- Exhibit Number 6. Witness Statement - Ptlm William Campbell
- Exhibit Number 7. Witness Statement - Detective Ian M. Perkins
- Exhibit Number 8. Witness Statement - Edgar Goulet
- Exhibit Number 9. Witness Statement - Macey Roy (Transcribed Audio)
- Exhibit Number 10. Witness Statement - Michael Harvey (Transcribed Audio)
- Exhibit Number 11. Witness Statements - Shaun Buckingham (Transcribed Audio)
- Exhibit Number 12. Witness Statement - Grya Pihlkrantz (Transcribed Audio)
- Exhibit Number 13. Witness Statement - Grya Pihlkrantz
- Exhibit Number 14. Witness Audio Interviews 18-257-PR
- Exhibit Number 15. Scene Camper Photographs 18-219-PR
- Exhibit Number 16. RISFM Scene Photos 18-245-PR
- Exhibit Number 17. Garry Drake Audio Interview 19-85-PR
- Exhibit Numb 18. Rights Waiver Form

ARREST DATA:

Arresting Department: Charlestown Police Department Criminal Complaint Number \_\_\_\_\_

Court Appearance Data: Date of Arrest: 04/10/19

Appearance in Fourth District Court Date of Appearance: 04/10/19

District Court Case No. Recognizance: \$5,000

Surety \_\_\_\_\_ Bail:

Name

Address

Jail:

vs.

Gary Drake

CRIMINAL INFORMATION AFFIDAVIT

I, Lieutenant Kevin J. Kidd, a peace officer of the City/Town of Charlestown, County of WASHINGTON, State of Rhode Island, being duly sworn by the (Special) Assistant Attorney General, of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby make affidavit and upon oath, depose and say that the matters contained herein have been investigated by my department and I have knowledge thereof and that the facts contained herein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a Police Narrative with exhibits attached thereto, upon which I rely to further demonstrate the existence of probable cause to believe that the offense(s) charged in the Information have been committed and that the defendant(s) committed the offense(s).

  
Officer's Signature

Signed and sworn to before me at Wakefield on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July,  
A.D., 2019.

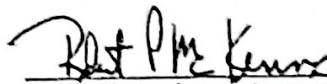
  
(Special) Assistant Attorney General  
Designated by the Attorney General

Exhibit No. 1

# POLICE NARRATIVE

I swear that the facts which follow are true to the best of my knowledge.



Signature

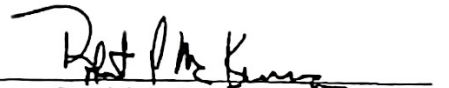
On 11/07/18 at approx. 20:00hrs officers from the Charlestown Police Dept. and RI State Fire Marshalls office responded to 289 Biscuit City Rd for a fully involved camper fire. Upon arrival, officers located an unoccupied fifth wheel camper completely engulfed by fire. Officers spoke to the owner of the camper who was identified as Edgar Goulet. Goulet reported to officers that he has been in an ongoing landlord tenant dispute with the occupants located at 279 Biscuit City Rd. Goulet told officers that he had been threatened in the past by one of the tenants identified as Garry S. Drake (DOB 03/06/83).

On 12/15/18 investigators from the Charlestown Police and RI State Fire Marshal's office interviewed four (4) witnesses who stated that they had direct knowledge that Garry Drake ignited the fire at 289 Biscuit City Rd. Several of the witnesses lived with the suspect at the time of the incident. A witness stated to investigators that the suspect Drake, set the camper on fire using an incendiary device, described as a "jug" filled with gasoline with a rag on top. Investigators noted that Drake had previously been convicted of Arson using a "Molotov cocktail" incendiary device.

A witness reported to investigators that on the night of the fire, Drake was gone for 10-20 minutes and stated that Drake had "burned the two yurts down" on Goulet's property. A witness told investigators that Drake walked down the roadway with the incendiary device and set the property on fire. Drake indicated that he was upset with continued harassment from the property owner and did not want to be evicted from the property. Drake made statements to witnesses that he had "taken care of the problem" and that the "problem had been solved". On 12/13/18 an independent witness, with no knowledge of the incident, reported that while transporting Drake in a vehicle, Drake pointed to the property at 289 Biscuit City Rd. and stated "I am the one who started that fire".

A report from the RI State Fire Marshal's office indicated that there was no other apparent cause or explanation for the fire. Based on the statements provided by witnesses, Drake was arrested and charged with Arson in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

*Sealed & Signed  
Washington County  
30 July 2019*



Special Assistant Attorney General  
Designated by the Attorney General

Date/Time Reported: 11/07/2018 2017  
 Report Date/Time: 11/07/2018 2118  
 Status: Incident Closed By Arrest

Reporting Officer: Patrolman William Campbell  
 Assisting Officer: Detective Ian Perkins  
 Approving Officer: Sergeant Robert Petrocelli

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional Cases: 19-87-AR

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

SUSPECT(S)	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
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DRAKE, GARY STEPHEN 279 BISCUIT CITY RD Apt. #A CHARLESTOWN RI 02813	M	W	35		
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Military Active Duty: N  
 BODY: NOT AVAIL. COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL.  
 DOB: 03/06/1983 PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL.  
 LICENSE NUMBER: RI 2151068 ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC

[APPEARANCE]

GLASSES WORN: NO

EMPLOYER/SCHOOL: FISHERMAN

OFFENSE(S)	ATTEMPTED	TYPE
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LOCATION TYPE: Field/Woods 199 BISCUIT CITY RD CHARLESTOWN RI 02813	Zone: North	
ARSON-4TH DEGREE 11-4-5	N	Felony
OCCURRED: 11/07/2018 2017		

VICTIM(S)	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
<p>GOULET, EDGAR A                  289 BISCUIT CITY RD                  CHARLESTOWN RI 02813</p> <p>DOB: /1948                  ETHNICITY: Not of Hispanic Origin                  RESIDENT STATUS: Resident                  VICTIM CONNECTED TO OFFENSE NUMBER(S): 1                  RELATION TO: DRAKE GARY                  CONTACT INFORMATION:                  Home Phone (Primary)                  Work Phone (Primary)</p>	M	W	70		
				Otherwise Known	

PERSON(S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
<p>ROY, MACEY                  279 BISCUIT CITY RD                  CHARLESTOWN RI 02813                  DOB: /1982</p> <p>EMPLOYER: UNEMPLOYEED                  CONTACT INFORMATION:                  Home Phone (Primary)                  Work Phone (Primary)                  Work Phone                  CallBack Number (Primary)                  CallBack Number</p>	WITNESS	F	W	36		
<p>HARVEY, MICHAEL                  279 BISCUIT CITY RD                  CHARLESTOWN RI 02813                  DOB: /1970</p> <p>CONTACT INFORMATION:                  Home Phone (Primary)                  Work Phone (Primary)</p>	WITNESS	M	W	48		
<p>BUCKINGHAM, SHAUN C                  270 BISCUIT CITY RD                  CHARLESTOWN RI 02813                  DOB: 1981</p>	WITNESS	M	W	37		
<p>CHAPPELL, RICHARD A                  279 BISCUIT CITY RD                  CHARLESTOWN RI 02813                  DOB: 1947</p>	OTHER	M	W	71		
<p>PIHLKRANTZ, GRYA A                  27 LANGWORTHY RD                  WESTFELY RI 02891                  DOB: 976</p> <p>CONTACT INFORMATION:                  Home Phone (Primary)                  Work Phone (Primary)</p>	WITNESS	F	W	42		

PERSON(S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
ROY, EVELYN L 279 BISCUIT CITY RD CHARLESTOWN RI 02813 DOB: /1949	OTHER	F	W	69		
CONTACT INFORMATION:						
Home Phone	(Primary)					
Work Phone	(Primary)					

VEHICLE(S)	YEAR	MAKE	STYLE	COLOR1	COLOR2	REG	VALUE
							\$1,000.00
STATUS: Burned						DATE: 11/08/2018	
OWNER: GOULET, EDGAR A							

OTHER PROPERTIES	PROPERTY #	STATUS
CAMPER PHOTOGRAPHS QUANTITY: 1 SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL DATE: 11/09/2018	18-219-PR VALUE: \$10.00	Evidence (Not Nibrs Reportable)
RISFM SCENE PHOTOS QUANTITY: 1 SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL DATE: 12/01/2018	18-245-PR VALUE:	Evidence (Not Nibrs Reportable)
WITNESS AUDIO INTERVIEWS QUANTITY: 1 SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL DATE: 12/18/2018	18-257-PR VALUE: \$10.00	Evidence (Not Nibrs Reportable)