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## **Serial Arsonist Who Burned Macomb County Work Van Back in Court**

Mt. Clemens, MI - 36-year-old Jesse Young from Detroit who was arraigned in connection with the intentional burning of a Macomb County work van in the parking structure connected to the Administration Building in Macomb County's Central Campus on January 29, 2023 was back in court yesterday.

It is alleged that on Sunday, January 29, 2023 around 2:00am Jessie Young set a Macomb County work van on fire on the first floor of the parking structure causing potential damage to the parking structure. The Mt. Clemens Fire Department and Macomb County Sheriff's Department responded promptly and the fire was extinguished.

Young was charged with 3rd degree arson (10 year felony) and 4th degree arson (5 year felony). Yesterday, Young was in court for his probable cause hearing in the 41-B Mt. Clemens District Court before Judge Carrie Fuca. Young was found to be incompetent to stand trial at this time but restorable. Competency restoration is the process used to reestablish competency before the legal process can continue. Young is expected to regain competency through treatment. The hearing was adjourned. The next court date is scheduled for Friday, July 24, 2023 at 1:00pm for a probable cause hearing / competency review.

"As a prosecutor, our primary duty is to seek justice and protect our communities. In this case the defendant has been found incompetent to stand trial at this time. However, mental health professionals are assisting the defendant in regaining competency so that he may face the charges against him," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's office represents the people. We are committed to achieving justice and following the laws of the State of Michigan. All that are accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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