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Arrest in CNU Fires

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Within 24 hours, the extraordinary teamwork, ability and hard work of the CNU police, Newport News Police and the Virginia State Police have resulted in the arrest of an individual who has been criminally charged for setting the fires on our campus and is now in jail.

I am very grateful to every member of our CNU family and to the City of Newport News and the Commonwealth of Virginia for so swiftly providing the remarkable support and expertise of the Newport News Fire Department, Newport News Police Department, Virginia State Police and the State Fire Marshal. Our thanks also to the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Fire Arms.

Through the years, CNU's campus has been very safe and secure because we have such a strong sense of community and we care about each other and look out for each other. Let's all continue to live that way.

The Virginia State Police just issued the following statement:

A Newport News man is now under arrest after being charged with setting fires at four separate buildings Tuesday afternoon on the Christopher Newport University (CNU) campus. The Virginia State Police and Christopher Newport University Police Department took Davant Marshall into custody Wednesday without incident. Marshall, 20 years of age, is a non-residential CNU student. As a result of his arrest, Marshall has been placed on interim suspension from the University.

Through the course of the investigation conducted by State Police, University Police, Newport News Police, the Newport News Fire Marshal's Office and ATF, investigators were able to identify Marshall as the individual responsible for the arsons. Marshall has been charged with five counts of arson and is being held at the Newport News Jail.

The Virginia State Police would like to thank the collaborated efforts of all agencies involved with effecting such a quick and successful arrest. The investigation remains ongoing at this time.

Please contact the Newport News City Jail for a mug shot of Marshall.
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