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On Wednesday, 09/23/2009, Deputies from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and the Naples Fire Department responded to a structure fire at the Four Seasons Campground, located at 1741 Roosevelt Trail, in the Town of Naples. As emergency personnel were arriving on scene they observed a pick up truck fleeing from the scene of the fire, operating in an erratic manner.

A short time later a call for a motor vehicle accident with injuries was reported at Roosevelt Trail and Perley Road in the Town of Naples, which is short distance from the fire scene. Sheriff's Deputies responded to the crash scene and located a Ford pick up truck over an embankment. Inside the truck was a lone occupant identified as Gregory Chute DOB: 07/26/1963. Mr. Chute appeared to have burns on his hands and had also consumed an unknown quantity of prescription medication. Mr. Chute had to be extricated from the vehicle by Naples Fire/Rescue and was subsequently transported to Bridgton Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. Naples Rescue personnel advised the responding Deputies that the vehicle involved in the accident appeared to be the same vehicle that they had observed fleeing the fire scene. Mr. Chute indicated to the on scene Deputies that he has been depressed and was attempting to harm himself. Mr. Chute was admitted to Bridgton Hospital and has not been formally charged at this time.

The Naples Fire Department determined that the fire appeared suspicious in nature and notified the State Fire Marshall's Office for assistance with the investigation. A female by the name of Jessica Jackson arrived on scene and attempted to enter the taped off crime scene. Ms. Jackson was apparently despondent over a cat that had apparently perished in the fire. Ms. Jackson was warned to leave the crime scene and refused to do so. As she continued into the scene, a Firefighter and State Fire Marshall attempted to restrain her. Ms. Jackson became combative and allegedly struck the Fire Marshall in the face. Ms. Jackson was placed under arrest and transported to the Cumberland County Jail and charged with assault and obstructing government administration.

At this time, the incident remains under investigation by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and the Maine State Fire Marshall's Office. Any further inquires

concerning the fire can be addressed to the Fire Marshall's Office. The accident is currently being investigated by the Sheriff's Office. Any further inquires concerning the accident can be referred to Capt. Jeff Davis of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office at 774-1444 ext.2222

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