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Pickens County Sheriff's Office Charges Easley Resident following Suspicious Fire

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office, assisted by authorities from the Easley Fire Department and the SC Law Enforcement Division, has completed an investigation into a suspicious fire that occurred at a residence in Easley earlier this month.

On the morning of February 2, 2016, a homeowner reported a fire inside her residence located at 130 Maple Way in Easley. Two rooms inside the home sustained damage from the fire and an investigation surrounding the circumstances of the fire has determined that the incident was not accidental and the fire was intentionally started by the sole occupant of the house.

A Sheriff's Detective presented information to a Pickens County Magistrate on February 8, 2016 at which time two Arrest Warrants were issued for Nellie Mae Durham charging her with intentionally setting fire to her home with the intent to receive insurance funds stemming from a false claim.

Nellie Mae Durham(67yoa) was arrested at the Law Enforcement Center yesterday afternoon after turning herself over to authorities. She was temporarily detained in the Pickens County Detention Facility where she was later released pursuant to being issued personal recognizance bonds in the following amounts:

<u>Charge:</u>	<u>Warrant#:</u>	<u>Bond:</u>	<u>Arrest Date:</u>
Arson 3 rd Degree	2016A3910100125	\$10,000.00	02-16-16
Presenting False Insurance Claim	2016A3910100126	\$ 5,000.00	02-16-16

Copies of the Arrest Warrants and a mug shot of Nellie Mae Durham have been attached to this release.

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