



# BLOOMFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE

**Incident Date:** 09/20/2024

**Incident Location:** 24 Dorothy Drive

**Incident Type:** Apartment Building Fire

**Case Number:** 24-27767

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On 09/20/2024 at approximately 3:00 a.m. Bloomfield police were dispatched to 24 Dorothy Drive, for the report of an active fire. On arrival officers assisted residents evacuate the building along with fire department personnel. During this evacuation, officers were assisting a resident out of the building to safety when she uttered that she is the one that set the fire. The fire department extinguished the fire, and the building is deemed uninhabitable. Bloomfield Social services and the Red Cross responded to assist the displaced residents. One eighty-nine (89) y.o.a. female resident that was removed by the fire department to safety was transported to the hospital as a precaution for smoke inhalation. The BPD Detective Unit continues to investigate this incident in conjunction with the Bloomfield Center Fire department and the State Fire Marshall.

Arrested: Maria Salas 70 y.o.a  
Charged with violation of C.G.S 53a-111(a)(1) Arson 1<sup>st</sup>  
\$500,000.00 cash/surety bond

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