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Atchison Juvenile Arrested On Arson Charge

(KAIR)--An 11-year-old Atchison juvenile was taken into custody late Thursday night, and is facing a charge of arson in connection with a fire in a vacant school building.

Police Chief Mike Wilson says the arrest was made after a short investigation that took place after firefighters extinguished the small fire inside the old Martin East Elementary School, just after 6:00 Thursday, and that the juvenile was not alone when the fire was allegedly started. He says “we now know there were several kids in the area. The young 11-year-old was one of those youngsters that went into the building and set...some furniture on fire, and then a short time later, the fire department responded.”

The juvenile was released to the custody of his parents after the arrest, and Wilson says the case will now be sent to the County Attorney's office for review.

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