Atchison park fire leads to arson arrest

(KAIR)--An 18-year-old Atchison man is facing a charge of arson in connection to a fire set Tuesday at Atchison's Reisner Park.

According to a release from Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson, officers were called to the park, located in the 700 block of North 10th Street, around 2:40 Tuesday afternoon after a report was received saying "that a restroom had been set on fire and four persons were seen fleeing the area."

Police launched an investigation, locating the four suspects several blocks from the park, and "determined that a fire had been set in a porta potty causing minor damage."

The fire had been extinguished by the Atchison Fire Department, with minor damage left behind.

The police investigation led them to learn that of the group of four, it was Odessa Ellison who had allegedly set the fire, and he was arrested for arson.

Following his arrest, Ellison was booked into the Atchison County Jail.

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