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Media Release

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Re: Spring Hill Woman Charged with Four Counts of Arson – 2024-00175326

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Between 06-10-2024 and 06-22-2024, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office investigated four separate arson-type crimes that occurred in proximity of Building 8 in the Bridgewater Club Apartments in Spring Hill.

The first incident occurred on 06-10-2024, where the victim reported his vehicle's front windshield was damaged. Deputies observed char marks and ashes in proximity to the area where the damage occurred.

On 06-17-2024, the same victim reported he found his rear driver side window smashed and the rear seat of the vehicle with burn marks. Deputies also observed burn marks on the siding of the apartment building. A separate female victim's apartment door was also located with the word, "Prostitute" written across the door.

During the early morning hours of 06-22-2024, the male victim was able capture surveillance video of a female suspect setting another fire in the same area where the first building fire was set on 06-17-2024.

The victim was able to positively identify the suspect as **Lizette Ortiz-Rosado DOB/09-05-2001**. The victim advised he knows the suspect through a male co-worker. A detective with the Bureau of Fire, Arson, Explosive Investigations was able to determine that all four of the arson events were related.

On 06-25-2024, HCSO detectives made contact with the victim's coworker. The victim's coworker advised Ortiz-Rosado, who he positively identified in the video, believed he was sleeping with the woman living in the female victim's apartment whose door had been vandalized. The man further advised that his coworker's vehicle was likely targeted due to it being parked in front of the female victim's apartment.

On 06-26-2024, Ortiz-Rosado was questioned by investigators regarding the incidents at the Bridgewater Apartments. Post Miranda, Ortiz-Rosado denied setting any of the fires. She did advise the woman captured on surveillance video was her, but stated she was bending over to help a lizard not starting a fire. Deputies noted Ortiz-Rosado then began making repeated irrational statements.

Ortiz-Rosado was arrested and subsequently charged with two counts of **Arson of a Dwelling and two counts Arson of a Vehicle**. She was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where she's being held in lieu of a \$50,000 bond.

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