



# ***Newton County Sheriff's Office***

**Sheriff Matt Stewart**

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**Date:** April 22, 2026

**Ref:** Arrest Made from October 2025 Arson Investigation

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

On October 29, 2025, at approximately 12:09 PM, the Newton County Central Dispatch received a call of a structure fire at 17723 Highway O in Newton County. After an investigation conducted by the Newton County Sheriff's Office, charges were submitted to the Newton County Prosecutor's Office on Devan Teas for his involvement with the fire. Teas was charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Arson and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Burglary and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Attempts to locate Teas were unsuccessful and it was believed that he had fled the state. The Newton County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the United States Marshal's Service in locating Teas.

Recently, we received information that Devan Teas was back in our area. On April 21, 2026, Teas was located and arrested at a location in Goodman, Missouri by members of the United States Marshal's Midwest Violent Fugitive Task Force out of Springfield, Missouri. Teas was transported to the Newton County Jail where he is currently being held on the following charges:

- Felony Arson—2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Felony Burglary—2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Felony Stealing
- Felony Motor Vehicle Theft
- Misdemeanor Failure to Appear Warrant

There is a no-bond hold on each of his felony charges.

Sheriff Stewart stated, "We are thankful for our local and Federal Law Enforcement partners that provided us assistance in locating Teas and taking him into custody."

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