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**Arrest Made in Five-Alarm Fire on Leetsdale Drive**

***Investigation Led by Denver Fire Department Investigators and ATF National Response Team***

Denver Fire today announced the arrest of Tony Becerra (DOB January 05, 1988) in connection with the five-alarm fire on Leetsdale Drive in Denver on January 2, 2026.

Surveillance footage shows Becerra allegedly entering and leaving the scene shortly before the structure caught fire. Becerra, who was inaccurately described as experiencing homelessness in an initial 911 call, was arrested Tuesday afternoon as part of an arson investigation and is being held in Aurora where he resides.

The highly effective partnership between the Denver Fire Department Fire Investigations Unit and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) National Response Team (NRT) allowed for the swift and methodical collection of information and evidence, resulting in the expedited arrest of a suspect. The arrest was made with the assistance of our partners at the Aurora Police Department and Regional Antiviolence Enforcement Network (RAVEN) Team.

Formal charges will be determined after the official case filing. The investigation remains ongoing.