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◆ Structure Fire Arrests ◆

On February 8, 2013 Riley County Police Department arrested 20 year old, Patrick Martin Scahill of 1838 Anderson Ave. in connection with the structure fire that led to the death of 34 year old Vasanta Pallem, located at 820 Sunset Ave. Scahill was arrested on charges of Felony Murder and Aggravated Arson. He is currently confined on a \$1,000,000.00 bond.

19 year old, Virginia Amanda Griese of 221 N. 5th St. was also arrested in connection to this structure fire. She was also arrested for Felony Murder and Aggravated Arson. She is currently confined on a \$1,000,000.00 bond.

The fire was determined to be intentionally set, as a result of the ongoing investigation by Riley County Police Department; The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; The Manhattan Fire Department; The Kansas State Fire Marshall; and with the assistance of The Kansas Bureau of Investigations and The Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office. Further details regarding this investigation are unavailable at this time.