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**ESCAMBIA COUNTY**  
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(Escambia County, Florida) On March 21, 2024, Circuit Court Judge Jennie Kinsey sentenced Darneque Darshay Jones to fifteen years in Florida's Department of Corrections followed by ten years of state probation on charges of Arson and Arson Causing Great Bodily Harm. Jones was convicted after a jury trial on December 6, 2023.

**SANTA ROSA COUNTY**  
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On June 6, 2023, the Defendant and Victim were at the Defendant's home where the Victim was renting a room. The Victim was moving out when the Defendant sprayed lighter fluid on a bag next to the Victim as well as onto the Victim's body. The Defendant threw her lit cigarette on the doused bag setting it ablaze. An aerosol can in the bag exploded causing damage to the residence and setting the Victim on fire.

**OKALOOSA COUNTY**  
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During sentencing, the State argued while the Defendant may one day be released from custody and supervision, the Victim will never be free of the scars resulting from the Defendant's actions.

**WALTON COUNTY**  
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The investigation and arrest were conducted by the Escambia County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State Attorney John Bennett Traylor prosecuted the case on behalf of Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. For further information, please contact Mr. Traylor at 850-595-4200.