



## Dayton man arrested and charged with multiple arsons

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On May 2, Dayton fire investigators filed arson charges against John Searls, a 30-year-old male who was arrested by the Dayton Police Department on unrelated charges.

While being questioned, Mr. Searls admitted to setting six separate arson fires within the city of Dayton over a period of several months. These fires were located in the Twin Towers, Burkhardt and Old North Dayton neighborhoods:

214 Clover St., April 14, 2018  
2806 E. 3rd St., March 28, 2018  
136 Pierce St., March 27, 2018  
323 Nassau St., Feb. 27, 2018  
774 Troy St., Dec. 1, 2017  
30 Little St., Nov. 14, 2017

The Dayton Fire Investigation Unit works in collaboration the Dayton Police Department to help fight the crime of arson and to charge those responsible. If you have any information regarding an arson fire or you would like to report a fire related tip, please contact the Dayton Fire Department at 937-333-TIPS (8477) or [daytonohiofire.com](http://daytonohiofire.com). Tips may also be submitted to Crime Stoppers at 937-222-STOP (7867) or [P3tips.com](http://P3tips.com).

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