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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

On August 17, 2023, Daniel P. Johnson, 44, of Brockway, was arrested in connection with multiple wildfires on county and private land in central Jackson County. Investigation by a multi-agency task force revealed more than fifty wildfires in the area that are believed to be related and deliberately set since April 2023. Agencies involved in the effort to locate, manage, and investigate the fires include the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigation, the Black River Falls Police Department, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, and the Black River Falls Fire Department. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office has also provided assistance.

Johnson remains in custody; the District Attorney's Office expects to file a complaint in the upcoming days.

This investigation remains ongoing and no further information will be released at this time. Individuals with information are asked to contact the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Tipline at 1-800-847-9367. Callers may remain anonymous.

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