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Chatham County Man Charged With Setting Woman on Fire during Domestic Dispute

Chatham County, GA (October 2, 2020) – The Chatham County Police Department has arrested a man for setting a woman on fire during a domestic dispute on October 1, 2020.

Police were called to the couple's home in the 200 block of Larchmont Drive around 10:30 p.m. for a report of a woman on fire. When they arrived, the 31-year-old female victim told officers that the suspect poured gasoline on her and set her on fire during an argument. The victim was transported to a local hospital, and has since been transferred to the Augusta Burn Center with second and third degree burns.

Chatham County Police have charged 42-year-old William Gary Wright with aggravated assault and aggravated battery. Wright was transported to the Chatham County Detention Center after his arrest.

The Chatham County Police Department wants to remind the public that there are many resources available for those living in domestic abuse and domestic violence situations. When in danger, residents should call 9-1-1. If a victim wants to leave the home, Chatham County Police Officers will give them and their children a ride to Safe Shelter. Safe Shelter is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 912-629-8888. To learn more about Safe Shelter's programs, you can visit their website at www.safeshelter.org.

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