Chief William Breault of the Dover Police Department announces the arrest of Deena M. Dumaine, 35 years old, on the charges of Arson, Criminal Mischief, Simple Assault on a Police Officer and Resisting Arrest or Detention. Dumaine does not have a fixed address.

On July 7, 2018, at approximately 12:50 AM, officers from the Dover Police Department responded to Armor-Guard Sealcoating at 894 Central Avenue after a caller reported hearing a woman yelling about setting the building on fire.

The first officer on scene heard the sound of glass breaking and saw flames on the side of the building. The officer also saw Deena Dumaine next to the building. Dumaine fled from the officer, but was quickly taken into custody. While being taken into custody, she slapped the officer in the chest.

Other officers arrived on scene and put the fire out using a fire extinguisher. The officers also located a man inside the building, who was ultimately identified as Dumaine’s boyfriend. The officers learned the two had been staying in the building with permission from the owner. Officers also developed evidence that, after a dispute with her boyfriend, Dumaine had broken a window and started the fire.

Dover Fire and Rescue also responded to the scene to ensure the fire was out and the building was structurally sound.

There were no injuries to the police officers, Dumaine, or her boyfriend as a result of this incident. Dumaine was released on $2,500 PR bail pending arraignment on August 20, 2018.

This case continues to be investigated by the Dover Police Department. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646. Anonymous tips may be called into the Dover Crimeline at 603-749-6000. The Dover Crimeline can also be contacted via www.dovernhcrimeline.org.

Media inquiries concerning this case can be directed to Lt. Brant Dolleman of the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646 or b.dolleman@dover.nh.gov.