



# **Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department News Release**

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## **Resident Charged with Setting Fire to Assisted Living Facility**

November 24, 2008 (ROANOKE COUNTY) – The Roanoke County Fire Marshal arrested Walter Moore Cook, Jr. Saturday night in connection with the fire at Hollins Manor on the same night.

Cook is being charge with intentionally setting the fire that caused fire damage to his bedroom and the evacuation of 95 residents. Cook was a resident of Hollins Manor since June of this year. He is currently being held at the Roanoke County Jail.

Most of the residents were able to return to their rooms late Saturday night after fire crews were able to clear the smoke from the building. The room where the fire occurred and one other room were not livable.

Damage estimates are at about \$8,000. The damage could have been much more extensive had it not been for the sprinkler system activating and helping to suppress the fire.

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