



**Police Department News Release**  
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## **Malicious Wounding / Fire Investigation**

*4000 Block Of Brookridge Road*

**\*\*\*Update\*\*\***

The victim of the May 28, 2022 house fire on Brookridge Rd has died as a result of her injuries. Charges against the suspect, Caleb Firebaugh, have been upgraded to first degree murder. There is no additional information to provide.

(Roanoke County, VA) - On Saturday, May 28, 2022, at approximately 1:43 pm the Roanoke County Emergency Communications Center received a 911 call about a house fire where the homeowner had been assaulted in the 4000 block of Brookridge Road. Roanoke County Fire & Rescue and Roanoke County Police responded to the scene. Upon arrival, flames were showing from the house and a victim was found in the front yard. The victim was transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. The fire was extinguished by responding fire personnel from Roanoke County and Roanoke City Fire-EMS. A suspect and a suspect vehicle were quickly identified and the information was relayed to area law enforcement. About forty-five minutes after the initial 911 call the Franklin County Sheriff's Office advised that they had received a call about the suspect vehicle being involved in a car crash in the Boones Mill area of Franklin County. The suspect fled on foot from the crash and was taken into custody by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Virginia State Police. The suspect Caleb Firebaugh, 25, of Roanoke County was arrested and charged with Aggravated Malicious Wounding and is being held without bond at the Roanoke County/Salem Jail. The Roanoke County Police would like to thank the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Virginia State Police for their assistance. Detectives from the Roanoke County Police Department and investigators from the Roanoke County Fire Marshal's Office continue to investigate this incident.

If anyone has information about this crime they are asked to call the Roanoke County Police at (540) 562-3265.

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