

# Haine Files Arson, Animal-Cruelty Charges Against Granite City Man Accused Of Setting Dog On Fire

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EDWARDSVILLE - Madison County State's Attorney Tom Haine has filed charges of arson and animal cruelty against a Granite City man accused of setting a dog on fire. John T. Turcott, 68, is charged with one count of arson and one count of animal cruelty.

In the arson charge, Turcott is accused of damaging a neighbor's wooden privacy fence on Monday by means of fire.

In the cruelty charge, Turcott is accused of throwing gasoline on Monday at a neighbor's dog, named Rocky, and then throwing a burning item toward Rocky, causing burns to the dog's face.

Bail for the defendant was set at \$100,000 by Associate Judge Ronald Slemer.

However, Haine said his office has filed a motion seeking the revocation of Turcott's bail from a previous case, in which he is charged with aggravated battery for allegedly crashing a car, intentionally, into a motorcyclist on June 22, 2022. The court has ordered that Turcott remains in custody until a hearing is held on the motion for revocation of the bail.

*This charge, as well as the statements made herein, are based upon probable cause. The defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.*