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**CO-DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY TO ARSON THAT KILLED A
TROY WOMAN**

Rensselaer County District Attorney Joel E. Ablove announced today that Tyler W. Smith, age 25, pled guilty today in Rensselaer County Court to one (1) count of Arson in the Second Degree, a class B felony, and one (1) count of Manslaughter in the First Degree, a class B felony.

Smith admitted to his role in the fire that was set to the 520 Second Avenue residence on May 1, 2015. The Lansingburgh fire resulted in the displacement of numerous residents and the death of Grace Halpin, age 82. As a result of the plea, the defendant will be sentenced to twenty (20) years in state prison and five (5) years post release supervision. As a part of his plea agreement, Mr. Smith has agreed to fully cooperate in the pending case of his co-defendant, David Stanley. The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on October 27, 2016, at the Rensselaer County Courthouse, by the Honorable Andrew G. Ceresia.

Ablove said, "This guilty plea hopefully brings Ms. Halpin's family some measure of closure, especially with the knowledge that now both Tyler Smith, and Abbey Slaga, have taken responsibility for their part in this heinous crime, and agreed to cooperate against David Stanley."

District Attorney Joel E. Ablove prosecuted the case.

Defendant: Tyler W. Smith
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