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

Rensselaer County District Attorney Joel E. Ablove announced today that David C. Stanley, age 23, 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.

Stanley 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-two (22) years in state prison and five (5) years post release supervision. The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on October 4, 2016, at the Rensselaer County Courthouse, by the Honorable Andrew G. Ceresia.

Ablove said, "While nothing will bring Ms. Halpin back for her family, today's plea ensures that all three defendants involved have been held responsible and will serve significant time in state prison. I commend the hard work of the Troy Police, Troy Fire, and State Fire, for their tireless efforts to bring these defendants to justice."

District Attorney Joel E. Ablove prosecuted the case.

Defendant: David C. Stanley
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