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## Early morning fire in Everett

EVERETT – Detectives refer charges for an early morning fire that damaged an Everett motel.

Just after 6:00 a.m. this morning, a guest at the Sunrise Motor Inn (8421 Evergreen Way) reported smelling smoke in her unit. Everett Police and Fire units responded to the motel and found charring in the bathroom of another unit, but no flames. The building was declared safe with minimal damage.

Due to charring, Arson detectives investigated and interviewed the occupant of the unit. The 44 year-old man admitted to being under the influence of drugs when he used a torch style lighter to burn pieces of rubber in the bathroom, which caught fire and damaged the motel. Charges of reckless burning (RCW 9A.48.040) will be referred to the Prosecutor's Office.

No injuries were reported to other occupants of the motel.

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