

City Manager Teresa Wilson Issues Updated Statement
Regarding Ongoing Arson Investigation

Columbia City Manager Teresa Wilson has issued an updated statement regarding the ongoing arson investigation that is underway by the Columbia Police Department and SLED. Please see the full statement below:

(Beginning of statement)

“Earlier this evening, I was notified by Chief William “Skip” Holbrook that the “person of interest”, who was also identified as a City of Columbia firefighter, has been cleared of any criminal wrongdoing. Based on this update from the Columbia Police Department, the employment status of the firefighter has been reevaluated and effective immediately his suspension without pay has been lifted. The employee in question had been placed on suspension without pay due to his designation as “a person of interest” and his lack of cooperation at that time with Columbia Police Department officials.”

(End of statement)