

# Woman accused of setting fire at ex-boyfriend's apartment

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JEFFERSON | A 28-year-old Watertown woman made her initial appearance Monday on charges of setting her ex-boyfriend's apartment on fire, resulting in multiple people jumping from second story windows to escape the flames.

Trisha L. Krueger is charged with arson, six counts of second degree recklessly endangering safety, two counts of disorderly conduct and one count of misdemeanor battery.

If convicted, she faces more than 100 years in prison.

Judge David J. Wambach ordered a \$20,000 cash bond in the case, with the conditions that she not have contact with any of the victims, no acts of threat or violence toward anyone, no alcohol, not be on the premises of any establishment whose main business is the sale or distribution of alcohol and no illegal substances.

According to the criminal complaint, Krueger and the victim got into a fight early in the day on Sept. 28, at which time she punched him and put her hands around his throat. At around 2 a.m. on Sept. 29, authorities received a call that the apartments located above Stacy's bar at 501 N. Fourth St. were on fire. Several people were injured jumping out second story windows to escape the flames. Injuries included broken ankles and legs, severe cuts and other injuries.

The complaint states that after the victim told police he believed Krueger had set the fire, showing them text messages that she had sent him with threats, Krueger was taken in for questioning. Initially she denied setting the fire. However, after seeing the text messages, she said that she had been to several bars and had been angry that the victim had gotten her thrown out of one of the bars. She said she decide to release her rage by setting his apartment on fire. She started with the closets and set the clothing and bedding in the apartment on fire before leaving.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Oct. 7.

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