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PRESS RELEASE:

On Thursday, March 11, 2021, at approximately 4:40 PM, Andrew County Jail Staff was alerted by our smoke/fire alert system of an issue in Inmate Pod A, Cell A-6. Jail staff took immediate action and entered Cell Block A. Smoke was visible from Cell A-6, and the emergency water suppression system (sprinkle system) was activated. All inmates were removed from A-Pod and placed into a temporary holding cell.

The water suppression system extinguished the fire that the inmates set in A-6, stopping any further damage by fire. Staff was able to shut the water suppression system down to avoid further water damage.

A-Pod was then cleaned by staff, and all inmates were able to return to their cells. A-6 cell is temporarily closed until the water suppression system can be fixed along with other damages.

We are currently investigating who or what started the fire. Once we have a case file, it will be submitted to the Andrew County Prosecutors Office.

I want to thank the staff members' quick response to ensure all inmates were quickly removed from any danger and by stopping any further damage to our jail.

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Andrew County Sheriff Grant Gillett