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On October 24, 2017 a Deputy was dispatched to the Bates County Courthouse regarding a disturbance that was in progress. After his arrival the Deputy noticed a thick layer of white substance in the air as well as on the floor of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the courthouse. The fire alarm had been activated.

The Bailiff informed the Deputy that a male subject had gone up to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the courthouse and activated the fire suppression system.

The Butler Fire Department arrived and turned off the fire alarms and assessed the damage. The Fire Department said the fire alarms would have to be reset and cleaned at a cost of \$500.00. The air filters throughout the building would also need to be replaced at a cost of \$168.00. They also stated that a cleaning crew would need to come in and clean up the chemicals from the fire extinguisher.

The male subject was transported to the Bates County Jail for a short time before he was sent to a Mental Health Facility.

Charges are pending at this time for the damage that was done at the courthouse.