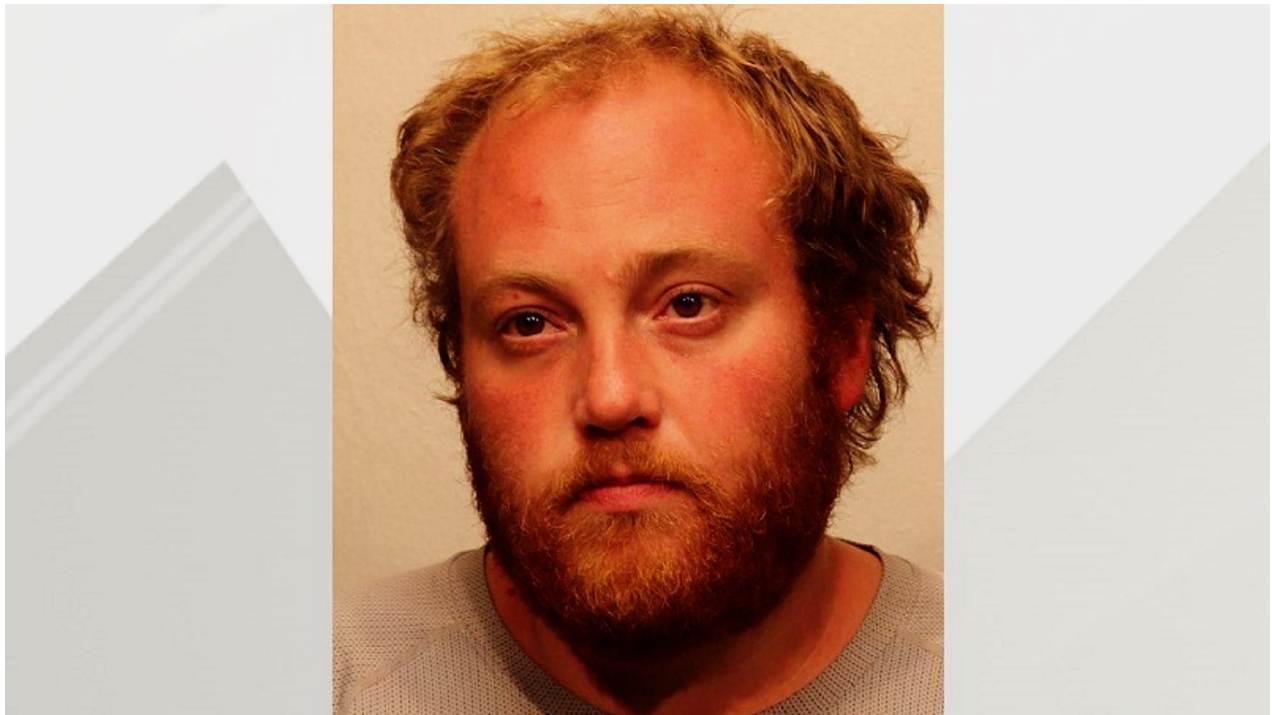


36-Year-Old Man Arrested Friday Suspect in Duluth Synagogue Fire



Matthew Amiot is currently being held on a charge of First Degree Arson in the St. Louis County Jail. Formal charges are pending. | Photo: St. Louis County Jail

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Authorities say the 36-year-old man arrested Friday is the suspect in the fire that destroyed the Adas Israel Congregation synagogue on Monday morning.

In a news conference Sunday morning, Duluth Police Chief Mike Tusken says Matthew James Amiot was located, interviewed, and arrested Friday afternoon in downtown Duluth after being identified as a person of interest.

Tusken says police have no reason to believe this was a hate crime. He adds that police are recommending that prosecutors charge Amiot with first-degree arson.



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Duluth Fire Chief Shawn Krizaj says the point of origin for the fire was outside of the synagogue.

Krizaj says no accelerants were found at the scene.

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This is still an open investigation, and anyone with information is asked to call the Duluth Police Department at 218-730-5020.

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