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Juvenile Charged in June 17 Car Arsons

(Grand Junction, CO) – A 17-year-old Grand Junction boy, Ian Jacob Dowdy, has been charged with multiple felony offenses for committing a series of arsons in Grand Junction on June 17, 2007.

After a two week investigation, Grand Junction Police detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Dowdy on July 2nd and officers arrested him the same day. Charges against Dowdy include:

- 1) First Degree Criminal Trespass (Felony 5) – 11 counts
- 2) Theft > \$100 (Misdemeanor 2)
- 3) 2nd Degree Arson (Felony 4)
- 4) Criminal Mischief <\$5,000 (Felony 3)

The fires were discovered in the early morning hours of June 17th when a citizen reported a fire burning inside a truck on Elm Avenue. Ten other cars were found to have been damaged by fire, along with a dumpster and the exterior of an apartment building that was struck by a burning vehicle that lurched into it when the fire shorted the standard transmission.

Dowdy will be advised of the charges against him on Monday, July 9th, in Mesa County Court.

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