Woman set on Fire update

Police found John Riggins hiding in the vacant house next door. He had burns and was taken to be treated at the hospital. He is in custody and will be questioned.

Preliminary information from the scene hasn’t been confirmed. Investigators are still trying to determine how Sheron Pasco was burned. The incident is still under investigation. She remains in critical condition.

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Man Sets Woman on Fire

Officers are currently on scene of an incident that took place at 2800 24th Avenue South in St. Petersburg. Just before 8:00 p.m., an argument took place inside the home between John M. Riggins, b/m, 1/3/1979, and his girlfriend, Sheron K. Pasco, b/f, 8/14/1978. Riggins took a gas can and poured the contents onto Pasco and set her on fire. Pasco’s aunt put Pasco into a tub to extinguish the flames. Riggins ran out of the house with possibly both of his arms on fire.

Pasco was airlifted by Bayflite to Tampa General Hospital with severe burns covering her body. Riggins is believed to be somewhere in the Pinellas County Jail booking photo of suspect John Martin Riggins who set his girlfriend on fire at 2800 24th Avenue South
neighborhood. Officers are currently actively looking for him.

Riggins is 6-03 in height, has low cut hair, and has tattoos on his arms. There is probable cause for the arrest of Riggins for attempted murder.

Yolanda Fernandez will be on scene to address the media shortly.

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