

Atlantic City Man Pleads Guilty to Widespread Damage Charge

MAYS LANDING, NJ – On Friday, April 24, 2026, Khalil Washington, 42, from Atlantic City, NJ, pleaded guilty to second-degree causing widespread damage in front of the Honorable Joseph Levin, J.S.C. The plea calls for a sentence of seven years in New Jersey State Prison.

On August 18, 2025, Atlantic City Police Department officers were dispatched to the High Gates apartment building on Absecon Boulevard in reference to report of a fire. Police spoke with the building's security manager, who stated a man started a fire on the sixth floor. Investigators reviewed surveillance that showed the suspect gathering various items from the building's trash room before setting the items on fire in front of one of the apartment doors. The footage showed the suspect lighting a paper plate on fire and holding it up to a sprinkler on the ceiling, resulting in a torrential deluge that flooded the building. The suspect was apprehended on scene and identified as Washington. Washington was transported to the hospital for injuries he suffered from the force of the sprinkler.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 17, 2026.

Assistant Prosecutor Brooke Melissa Hoffner represents the State in this matter.



Khalil Washington

