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2007

INVESTIGATING OFFICERS

DET. VELASQUEZ

TIME OF CALL 1415 HOURS DATE October 30, 2007 DAY TUESDAY
CLASSIFICATION ARSON INVESTIGATION REPORTING OFFICER LT. CONNOLLY

TIME OF OCCURRENCE / DISCOVERY 1:50 P.M. UNIT ARSON/EXPLOSIVES DETAIL
LOCATION AREA OF SIERRA HIGHWAY AND MINT CANYON ROAD, DATE October 30, 2007
AGUA DULCE

THOMAS GUIDE PAGE
AND SECTION

4373, C-3

C/P LOC _____ SUSPECT(S) MALE JUVENILE
VICTIM(S) _____

DNR _____ DNR _____
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NOTIFY STATION WATCH COMMANDER PRIOR TO RELEASING CODE 20 SGT. INITIAL _____

WATCH COMM. NAME _____ DATE _____ TIME _____ HOURS

NARRATIVE: SHERIFF'S ARSON/EXPLOSIVES DETECTIVES HAVE IDENTIFIED A SUSPECT RESPONSIBLE FOR STARTING THE "BUCKWEED FIRE" IN AGUA DULCE.

THE FIRE BEGAN JUST BEFORE 2:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007, IN THE AREA OF SIERRA HIGHWAY AND AGUA DULCE CANYON ROAD, AGUA DULCE. DUE TO THE DRY WEATHER AND HIGH WINDS THE FIRE QUICKLY SPREAD AND HAD BURNED 12,500 ACRES BY 10:30 SUNDAY NIGHT.

THE FIRE CONTINUED TO SPREAD THREATENING HOMES AND CAUSING THE EVACUATION OF APPROXIMATELY 15,000 PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES.

SHERIFF'S ARSON/EXPLOSIVES DETECTIVES IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATORS IMMEDIATELY BEGAN AN ARSON INVESTIGATION INTO THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

THE NEXT DAY (10/22/07) DETECTIVES IDENTIFIED A MALE JUVENILE AS THE SUSPECT.

CITY NEWS _____ (485-3535) MEDIA PAGE _____ (800-677-4649)

MEDIA INQUIRIES / STAND-UPS

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WRITTEN BY: SGT. DIANE HECHT

APPROVED BY: _____

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AFTER TALKING WITH THE SUSPECT, HE ADMITTED TO PLAYING WITH MATCHES AND ACCIDENTALLY STARTING THE FIRE. THE BOY WAS RELEASED TO HIS PARENTS. THIS CASE WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR FURTHER ACTION.

THE "BUCKWEED FIRE" HAS BEEN FULLY CONTAINED AFTER BURNING 38,300 ACRES, DESTROYING 15 HOMES, AND INJURING 3 PEOPLE.

Additional Notifications, Inquiries, Beepers or Stand-Ups:

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