Saint Paul Fire Department
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Investigation Report

Case

Case Details

Case Number	Lead Investigator	Status	Name
SPFD251227065579	Blank, Joseph	Open	25-232-921

Confidentiality	Disposition	Fire Cause
Confidential	Incendiary	Intentionally Started

Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
12/27/2025	06:05		

Primary Fire Department	Secondary Fire Department	Law Enforcement
Saint Paul Fire Department		Saint Paul Police Department

Case Narrative

The fire department was called to the report of a large amount of smoke from the rear of a dwelling. Firefighters arrived and found a vacant and condemned structure with fire conditions on the first floor and a back door wide open. Police on scene reported a neighbor shared with them video evidence of suspects inside the structure removing items and then a flash fire inside the structure that progressed. Suspects are seen running to vehicles parked out in front of the address. Investigation reveals major fire damage in the living room with extension toward the kitchen in the back of the structure. Excel Energy as well as DSI report the electricity to the structure has been disconnected for several months.

Case Background

Case Synopsis

This report is based on presently known and available facts, data, and information.

Investigation Comments

Conclusion

Case Conclusion

After examination of the fire scene, observation of fire patterns of both movement and intensity and interviews conducted, it is my opinion the fire began in the living room. The ignition source is an open flame device. The first fuel ignited is not identified. The oxidant is atmospheric air. The actions that brought these items together is due to an intentional human act. The classification of fire cause is incendiary. This concludes my investigation and report.

Signature

Blank, Joseph		
Lead Investigator	Signature	Date Submitted

Document Attachment List

Photo Log