



Saint Paul Fire Department
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Investigation Report

Case

Case Details

SPFD230408015490	Brown, Matthew	Open	23-056-577
Case Number	Lead Investigator	Status	Name
Confidential	Incendiary	Incendiary (Intentional)	
Confidentiality	Disposition	Fire Cause	
04/08/2023	03:18		
Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
Saint Paul Fire Department		Saint Paul Police Department	
Primary Fire Department	Secondary Fire Department	Law Enforcement	

Case Narrative

The fire department was called to the report of a fire in a dwelling. Firefighters arrived and found the upper floor of the residence with heavy smoke and fire showing. Firefighters extinguished the fire and conducted overhaul.

While units were responding to the scene, dispatch notified crews of a male party with a knife in the yard of the residence. Shortly after fire crews arrived, police had the subject in custody. The male party was having a mental illness issue and was transported by police to Regions Hospital for further evaluation.

Interview with the suspect in custody revealed that he took the black curtains that were filled with "entities" and placed them in the oven. He stated that he never turned the oven on, but it burst into flames. A short time later he exited the structure and was met by police.

Security cameras were present on the residence as well as neighboring houses. Homeowners daughter stated they are not sure if the camera works. But would notify us if they had footage.

Investigation found a 2 story multi-family residence that faced East. Heavy smoke was coming from the second floor. Heavy fire damage noted on the second floor with the bulk of the fire damage noted in the Kitchen of the second floor. After photographs were taken and interviews conducted, crews finished with clean up duties. A short time later, command was terminated and the scene was released.

Case Background

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Case Synopsis

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

Investigation Comments

Property Summary (1 of 1)

Property

N/A

Name

1093 Western Ave North

Address

Upstairs Unit

Apt/Suite/Room

Saint Paul

City

Ramsey County

County

Minnesota

State

55117

Postal Code

Pre Fire Value

Content Loss Value

Structure Loss Value

Property Description

Structure

Property Use

Structure Occupancy

Yes

Smoke Detector Present

Unknown

Smoke Detector Performance

None

Sprinkler Standpipes

Sprinkler Standpipes Performance

Interior Exam

Exterior Exam