



Saint Paul Fire Department  
645 Randolph Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55102  
(651) 224-7811

## Investigation Report

### Case

#### Case Details

SPFD211024046483	Bever, Thomas	Closed	N/A
Case Number	Lead Investigator	Status	Name
Confidential	Accidental	Careless Disposal Ashes	
Confidentiality	Disposition	Fire Cause	
10/24/2021	04:40		
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 the front porch of the home. Firefighters arrived and found light smoke and flames seen on the A/D corner of the home. Firefighters evacuated the structure, extinguished the fire and conducted overhaul. Command was terminated and the scene was released.

#### Case Background

#### Case Synopsis

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

#### Investigation Comments

# Fire

## Ignition Sequence

Careless Disposal Ashes	Structural area, other		
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Fire Cause                      Area of Origin                      Equipment Power Source                      Equipment Portability

Area of Origin Comments

Cigarette	Cardboard
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Heat Source                      Material Ignited

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Equipment Involved In  
Ignition                      Equipment Make                      Equipment Model                      Equipment Serial Number

## Fire and Smoke Spread Information

Confined to building of origin	
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Fire Spread Material                      Fire Spread Avenue

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Smoke Spread Material                      Smoke Spread Avenue

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Fire Comments

## Weather

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Visibility                      Relative Humidity (%)                      Wind Speed (Mph)                      Wind Direction

38.0	0	No	
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Temperature (Fahrenheit)                      Precipitation                      Lightning                      Information Obtained  
From Weather

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Weather Comments

# Property Details (1 of 1)

## Property

N/A

Name

901 Fuller Avenue

Address

Apt/Suite/Room

Saint Paul

Ramsey County

Minnesota

55104

City

County

State

Postal Code

\$52,200.00

\$10,000.00

\$45,000.00

Pre Fire Value

Content Loss Value

Structure Loss Value

Property Description

## Area

Structure

Urban

Area Type

Area Description

Area Quality

## Structure

1 or 2 family dwelling	Occupied
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Property Use

Structure Occupancy

	Unknown	Unknown
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Alarm Type

Smoke Detector Present

Smoke Detector Performance

None	Unknown
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Sprinkler Standpipes

Sprinkler Standpipes Performance

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Structure Length (Ft)

Structure Height (Ft)

Structure Width (Ft)

Number Of Stories

Number Of Units

Balloon	Type V	StructureMaterial_Wood
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Construction Type

Structure Type

Structure Material

Basement	Wood	Pitched	Asphalt
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Foundation

Exterior Covering

Roof Type

Roof Material

Nothing remarkable.
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Interior Exam

The exterior of the home appeared to have newer siding within the last 10 years. Newer roof within the last few years or less.
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Exterior Exam

## Alarm and Security Services

None	Unknown		
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Sprinkler Standpipes

Smoke Detectors Present

Smoke Detector Locations

Fire Suppression

Closed And Unlocked	Closed And Locked	
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Doors

Windows

Other Entrances

Alarm Protection/Security Comments
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## Utilities

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Electrical Status

Electrical Entrance

	Natural	Xcel Energy
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Fuel Status

Fuel Type

Fuel Company

	City of Saint Paul Municipal Water
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Water Status

Water Company

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Telephone Status

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Utility Comments

## Insurance Information (1 of 1)

Federated Insurance		
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Company

Claim Number

Policy Number

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Effective Date

Expiration Date

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Maximum Coverage For Structure Loss

Maximum Coverage For Content Loss

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Insurance Comments

# Witness Statement (1 of 3)

## Witness Statement

Prince	Raynette	
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Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Owner	
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Type

Employer

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Interviewed Date

Interviewed By

Interviewed By Other

901 Fuller Ave.	
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Street 1

Street 2

Saint Paul	Minnesota	
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City

State

PostalCode

Black or African American	12/13/1974	
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Race

Date of Birth

Driver's Liscense Number

<p>- I was home at the time of the fire. - I walked down the stairs and saw the fire coming from the porch. I called for my son to wake him up. I went upstairs to get my cat and cell phone and exited the structure out of the bathroom window on the second floor Charlie "C" side. I yelled for help and my neighbor on the Delta "D" side came out and called 911.</p>	<p>- I was in my bedroom and heard loud noises and felt that the wall was warm and left the room to call for my son.</p>
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Witness Statement Comments

## Witness Statement (2 of 3)

### Witness Statement

Prince-Espinoza	Damon	Edward
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Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Occupant	
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Type

Employer

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Interviewed Date

Interviewed By

Interviewed By Other

901 Fuller Ave.	
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Street 1

Street 2

Saint Paul	Minnesota	
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City

State

PostalCode

Black or African American	01/31/1994	
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Race

Date of Birth

Driver's License Number

- I was home asleep in the basement at the time of the fire. - I heard my mom yelling for help and I came upstairs and saw that the front porch was on fire.  
\_ I used the coffee pot to carry water to the fire in an attempt to put the fire out.  
\_ I was smoking earlier on the front porch around 22:00 hours and discarded the cigarette in the recycling bin as I always have. I went to bed and I was awoken by my mom yelling that the house was on fire.  
- I went to the kitchen and used the coffee pot to carry water to the fire in an attempt to put the fire out.  
- had a hard time breathing and had to be assisted out of the home by my mother as I became over taken by smoke inhalation.

Witness Statement Comments

# Witness Statement (3 of 3)

## Witness Statement

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
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Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Other	
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Type

Employer

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Interviewed Date

Interviewed By

Interviewed By Other

[REDACTED]	
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Street 1

Street 2

Saint Paul	Minnesota	
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City

State

PostalCode

White	[REDACTED]	
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Race

Date of Birth

Driver's License Number

- I was home at the time of the fire. help back roof of the house yelling for help saying that there was a fire in the front of the house. - I called 9-1-1.	- I was asleep in bed and heard someone yelling for - I ran outside and saw my neighbor on the
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Witness Statement 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 A/D corner of the home. The area of origin was the recycling bin that was used to discard smoked cigarettes. The first fuel/material ignited was most likely the cardboard that lined the recycling bin. The ignition source was most likely the improperly discarded smoking material. The oxidant was normal atmospheric air. The action that brought these items together was an improperly discarded cigarette placed in a combustible recycling bin. The classification of fire cause is accidental. This concludes my investigation and report.

## Signature

Bever, Thomas

Lead Investigator

Signature

Date Submitted

## Document Attachment List

Photo Log