



NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Arson Arrest Update

Location: Mound Elementary School

Date/Time Occurred: 7-22-21/ 0240 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Detectives, Ventura City Fire Investigators

Suspect(s): 2 female Juveniles (15 yrs) Ventura Residents

Report #: 21-47554, 21-40371

Narrative:

UPDATE

After the initial fire, detectives from the Ventura Police Department and the Ventura City Fire Department collaborated on the investigation with the assistance from the Ventura Unified School District. It was ultimately determined that the fire had been deliberately set by two juvenile females.

The resulting investigation also led to the clearance of a burglary and vandalism that had taken place at the same elementary school on June 25, 2021.

The damage to the school is preliminary estimated at over \$1,000,000 and alternate classroom sites need to be procured.

Both juveniles were arrested and booked into Ventura County Juvenile Hall.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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On the above date and time Ventura City Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire at Mound Elementary School. The First arriving engine company discovered a classroom at the rear of the school heavily involved in fire. Firefighters protected adjoining classrooms while suppressing the main body of the fire. The fire was held to the classroom of origin with two additional classrooms suffering heavy smoke damage. The fire was completely extinguished 40 minutes after the initial 911 call was made.

The cause of the fire is suspicious in nature and remains under investigation by Ventura City Fire. No injuries were reported as a result of this incident.

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