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Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: South Seaward Ave. at the Beach

Date/Time Occurred: 1-17-2015 at 2259 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Patrol Officers and Ventura Fire Dept.

Victim: John Frazier 58-year-old Ventura Vagrant

Suspect(s): 3, White, males, late Teens or early 20's with shaved heads dressed in dark clothing

Report #: 15-00826

Narrative:

UPDATE --

The investigation into this incident is continuing. There is no additional information about the suspects involved. If there are any witnesses to the incident, we are asking they call the Ventura Police Department at 805-339-4309.

The victim has been transported to USC Medical Center for treatment of his injuries. He is currently suffering from burns up to 40% of his extremities and torso, but is expected to survive.

If there are any further updates, a press release will be sent out.

Narrative from original press release follows:

Narrative

On 1-17-15, at 2259 hours, VPD communications received a call from an adult male reporting that he had just found victim, John Frazier on fire at the south end of Seaward and put him out with sand.

Police and Fire personal arrived on scene and found John and some of his personal items still smoldering. After further investigation it was determined that John was sleeping in his sleeping bag with his backpack next to him on the sand side of the retaining wall at Seaward and the Beach. John awoke to three males pouring lighter fluid on him and then lighting him on fire. The reporting party said when he saw John the flames were about 5-6 feet high and John's entire upper torso was on fire. The reporting party used sand to put the fire out before calling 911.

John was admitted to CMH and was later transported to a burn unit for 2nd and 3rd degree burns to his upper torso and face. The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4309.