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MEDIA ADVISORY

DETAILS:

On 8/15/06, a 2-alarm fire occurred in the library and computer building at Foothill High School located at 230 Pala Ave. The initial fire investigation determined that the fire was incendiary in cause. A Task Force consisting of the San Jose Fire Department Arson Unit, the San Jose Police Department's METRO Unit and Foothill Division, and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms were mobilized to identify and locate any witnesses and/or suspects.

Local businesses and anonymous parties donated \$7,000 in reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the responsible person(s). Informational flyers were created announcing the reward money with an Arson Hotline number to call with any information regarding the fire. Members of the Task Force canvassed the immediate area surrounding Foothill High School and the flyers were handed out door-to-door. Members of the San Jose community actively engaged with the Task Force personnel in the field and provided leads for this case.

The Arson Hotline also received numerous leads that were then followed up on by the Task Force members. These leads led to the identification and arrest of person(s) involved in the fire loss.

At this time, one juvenile suspect is in custody. Additional leads are being reviewed and information provided by these witnesses is being followed up on. The investigation will continue until all persons of interest are identified and interviewed as to their actions and/or observations at the time of the fire. This process may produce additional person(s) of interest who may or may not have played a role in the setting of this fire.

We wish to thank all those agencies involved in the Task Force for their assistance in solving this case. We also would like to thank the San Jose community for their valuable assistance in coming forward and providing the leads that led to the arrest of the person(s) involved in this fire loss.

Inquiries may be directed to the San Jose Police Department Press Information Office at (408) 277-5339 or the San Jose Fire Department Press Information Office at (408) 277-8784.

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