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ARSON FIRE LEADS TO ARREST IN EL CENTRO

During the evening of May 8, 2017 just before 6:30 p.m., the El Centro Police & Fire Dispatch Center began receiving multiple 911 calls for a report of a residence on fire on the 500 block of Orange Ave. in the City of El Centro. The first El Centro Fire Department units arrived on scene four minutes after the initial 911 call at 6:28 p.m. and found a residence with heavy smoke coming from the doors and attic. The first Fire Captain on scene created a Second Alarm incident, requesting an additional Engine Company from Imperial County Fire Department.

El Centro Firefighters performed an aggressive fire attack and were able to quickly extinguish the fire. It was unknown upon arrival if anybody was in the home as it was reported that one occupant lived there. A few minutes later the resident was accounted for and found outside of the home uninjured.

Fire crews protected the surrounding residences and contained the fire to the initial residence involved preventing any further extension or spread to other properties. The second alarm was cancelled due to the swift and rigorous effort of firefighters on scene.

No injuries to civilians or firefighters were reported. Gold Cross Ambulance, Imperial Irrigation District and SoCal Gas also assisted on scene. The Imperial County Chapter of the Red Cross assisted with the displaced occupant. El Centro Fire Department Investigators concluded the fire to be Arson. A person of interest was detained and taken in for questioning.

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