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Suspect Wanted for Arson Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

December 15, 2020

San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department's Bomb/Arson Unit are asking assistance from the public to help identify and locate the suspect who is responsible for starting a vegetation fire in the City of San Marcos.

On Thursday, December 10th at 11:53 a.m., witnesses reported a vegetation fire at 1111 La Moree Road in San Marcos. Deputies from the San Marcos Sheriff's Station and personnel from the San Marcos Fire Department responded to the fire.

The fire burned approximately 100 square feet and burned near a Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall. No structures were damaged; however, investigators determined the fire was intentionally set and is being investigated as arson. Nearby surveillance cameras captured images of the suspect.

Suspect Description:

The suspect is described as an adult White male wearing a gray sweatshirt and black shorts. He was carrying a brown backpack and riding a mountain bike.

Pictures of the suspect can be found on page 2 of this release *** ***Video of the fire can be downloaded here: <u>https://spaces.hightail.com/space/jujhfPJtPq</u>

Anyone with information on the identity or location of the suspect is asked to call the Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Unit at (619) 550-8158 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Visit our website at <u>sdcrimestoppers.org</u> to learn how to submit an anonymous web or mobile app tip.

- Media inquiries about this case should be directed to Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Detective Arnold Van Lingen at (619) 540-6051 or email at Arnold.VanLingen@sdsheriff.org.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or email at <u>msherring@pd.sandiego.gov</u> or Deputy Marcial Lopez at (619) 531-1547 or email at <u>marcial.lopez.@sdsheriff.org</u>.

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Photos of Suspect



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