



DALLAS FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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EVENT

TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED FOR MULTIPLE FIRES IN THE LAKE HIGHLANDS AREA AUGUST 12, 2008

Arson Investigators arrested two suspects in connection with a spree of dumpster and other trash fires that occurred on July 13 and 14, 2008. Arson Investigators interviewed two of the three suspects involved with the fires. The suspects admitted to their involvement in the incidents and charges were filed. Each of the suspects was charged with 4 counts of Criminal Mischief. One of the Criminal Mischief charges was a Class B Misdemeanor and the other three charges were State Jail Felonies based on the amount of damage that occurred.

The fires occurred in the Lake Highlands area of Dallas within blocks of each other. Two of the locations involved were at schools in the area. The two schools were Merriman Elementary School and Montessori Children's House and School. The losses due to the fires totaled approximately \$20,000 in damages.

Witnesses led Arson Investigators to the suspects who reside in the area and recently graduated High School. During an interview one of the suspects showed investigators a photo of one the fires that occurred during this spree.

The suspects do not have court hearings set at this time. If found guilty, the suspects could face up to two years jail time per offense and be required to pay restitution to the victims of the fires.

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