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Arrest Made in Elk Grove Arson Case

Elk Grove, Calif – Cosumnes CSD Fire Department investigators have arrested a 19-year-old Antelope man in connection with a series of arson fires in Elk Grove last October.

Two fires were set in unoccupied buildings under construction and six small grass fires were set nearby a short time later.

On Thursday, acting on information provided by the Sacramento Metro Fire Department and working with the Elk Grove Police Department, Cosumnes CSD Fire investigators questioned and then placed under arrest David Hollomon, 19, a resident of the Antelope area of Sacramento County.

Hollomon was booked into Sacramento County Jail on two counts of arson to a structure, six counts of arson to forestland and eight counts of conspiracy. He also is facing additional charges in connection with crimes in Sacramento County and City, investigators said.

“Make no mistake about it – arson is a heinous and violent crime,” said Cosumnes CSD Fire Chief Steve Foster. “The person who sets a fire has no idea what harm it may cause. It can lead to serious injury and even death.”

Elk Grove Elk Grove Police Chief Robert Simmons praised the work of the investigators from all the jurisdictions in breaking the case.

“This arrest is another fine example of cooperation between multiple agencies within Sacramento County which resulted in the apprehension of the individual responsible for these fires,” Chief Simmons said.

The arrest stemmed from a series of fires in Elk Grove in the early morning hours of October 10. The first fire was a two-alarm blaze that caused an estimated \$350,000 in damage to two unoccupied office buildings under construction near Franklin Boulevard and Laguna Park Drive. The fire was extinguished before spreading to a nearby residential neighborhood.

While crews were still working at that fire, a grass fire was reported in an open field down the street from the building. Shortly after that, several grass fires were reported along the railroad tracks further to the west.

Cosumnes CSD fire crews were aided by units from the Sacramento Metro Fire Department and Sacramento City Fire Department. The Elk Grove Police Department also aided in the initial response to the fires. No injuries were reported at any of the fire scenes.

CSD investigators determined all of the fires were intentionally set, using materials on scene at the construction site, and began an investigation that led to Thursday's arrest.

The Elk Grove Community Services District and the Galt Fire Protection District merged in November 2006 to become the **Cosumnes Community Services District**. This change expands the delivery of CSD fire protection and emergency medical services to a 157-square mile area which includes the cities of Elk Grove and Galt and unincorporated areas of south Sacramento County. The CSD's parks and recreation services – including the operation of 74 CSD parks -- remain exclusive to the Elk Grove community. Visit the CSD web site at www.yourcsd.com to subscribe to the Friends of the CSD e-mail service to receive the latest news and special updates on CSD issues, events and activities.

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