



**Garden Grove Fire
Department**
Station: **G07**
Shifts Or Platoon: **A**

Location: 10622 BOLSA AVE # 3 Garden Grove CA 92640	Incident Type: 111 - Building fire
Lat/Long: N 33° 44' 40" W 117° 56' 39.55"	FDID: 30035 Incident #: 2017-714124 Exposure ID: 28670267 Exposure #: 0 Incident Date: 12/12/2017 Dispatch Run #: F173460313
Location Type: 1 - Street address Map Page: 828F3	

Report Completed by: Garcia , Drew R	ID: 3592	Date: 12/19/2017
Report Reviewed by: Not Reviewed		
Report Printed by: Guardi, Lisa	ID: 4433	Date: 1/9/2018 Time: 14:43

Structure Type: Enclosed building	Property Use: 429 - Multifamily dwelling		
Automatic Extinguishment System Present: <input type="checkbox"/>	Detectors Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cause of Ignition: Cause under investigation	
Aid Given or Received: None	Primary action taken: 10 - Fire control or extinguishment, other		
Losses	Pre-Incident Values		
Property:	Property:	Civilian Injuries: 0	Fire Service Injuries: 0
Contents:	Contents:	Civilian Fatalities: 0	Fire Service Fatalities: 0
Total:	Total:	Total Casualties: 0	Total Fire Service Casualties: 0
Total # of apparatus on call: 3	Total # of personnel on call: 10		

Narrative from dispatch:

[12/12/17 21:53:43 M063] GB1 DISSOLVING IC, KEEPING GT1 GE3, GE7, CLEAR 2N
 [12/12/17 21:18:03 M063] NATIONAL RED CROSS CALLED TO REQ ETA FOR LOCAL CHAPTER
 [12/12/17 21:12:55 M063] GB1 REQ UPDATED ETA FOR RED CROSS
 [12/12/17 20:37:29 M063] CONTACTED DAVID DENT, 714-715-3499, PER TODD HARTWIG, HE NEEDS TO BE CONTACTED PRIOR TO INSPECTORS SINCE HE IS THE BUILDING OFFICAL, DAVID ADV 20 MIN ETA
 [12/12/17 20:26:14 M007] OCFA HAS CLOSED CALL 17-136141
 [12/12/17 20:22:39 M063] GB1 REQ BLDG DEPT
 [12/12/17 20:17:30 M063] GB1 11 ADULTS, 1 CHILD
 [12/12/17 20:08:59 M063] GB1 8 ADULTS, 1 CHILD
 [12/12/17 20:07:54 M049] GB1 REQ RED CROSS, 6 OCCUPANTS DISPLACED
 [12/12/17 19:52:23 M063] HUSAR42 SC Removed
 [12/12/17 19:39:02 M063] GB1 UPDATED ADDR, 10622 BOLSA UNIT 3, DAMAGE TO UNITS 1, 3, 5
 [12/12/17 19:36:52 M063] GB1 UNIT REMAINING GT1, GE1, GE7, GE3
 [12/12/17 19:34:35 M063] GDIV1 SC Removed
 [12/12/17 19:34:30 M063] GB1 BOLSA IC
 [12/12/17 19:33:54 M063] CT71 RELEASED
 [12/12/17 19:32:26 M063] CE78 RELEASED
 [12/12/17 19:17:54 M063] GB1 STOP THE CLOCK
 [12/12/17 19:17:42 M063] INCIDENT CLOCK STOPPED: 19:17:42
 [12/12/17 19:17:37 M063] INCIDENT CLOCK ACKED: 19:17:37
 [12/12/17 19:17:23 KOPS] INCIDENT CLOCK ELAPSED: 19:17:23
 [12/12/17 19:09:54 M063] VE231 RELEASED
 [12/12/17 19:03:56 M063] CE73 SC Removed
 [12/12/17 19:03:13 M063] INCIDENT CLOCK ACKED: 19:03:13
 [12/12/17 19:03:02 M063] GB1 ONE HOUR
 [12/12/17 19:02:24 KOPS] INCIDENT CLOCK ELAPSED: 19:02:24
 [12/12/17 19:00:23 M063] GB1 EDISON HAS SHUT DOWN POWER. STILL WATCH FOR FLAGGED OFF AREA, CE73 CLEAR RIC

[12/12/17 18:54:11 M072] GA1 OS
 [12/12/17 18:53:57 M072] CT71 ALL WATER SHUT DOWN
 [12/12/17 18:53:17 M072] CE78 ASSIST DIV A
 [12/12/17 18:53:06 M072] CE73 ON ALPHA SIDE W/4 ALL ACCOUNTED FOR
 [12/12/17 18:52:36 M072] GT1 KNOCKDOWN ON HOT SPOT, NO NEEDS
 [12/12/17 18:51:57 M072] GE7 DELTA EXPOSURE ALL CLEAR, 2 FF ACCOUNTED FOR
 [12/12/17 18:51:27 M072] GE3 1NEED FOR REHAB
 [12/12/17 18:49:48 M072] GDIV1 EDISON OS SHUTTING DOWN ELECTRICAL TO BLDG
 [12/12/17 18:48:50 M072] GE1 WATER SHUT DOWN ON BRAVO SIDE
 [12/12/17 18:47:48 M072] INCIDENT CLOCK ACKED: 18:47:48
 [12/12/17 18:47:46 M072] ADV BOLSA IC 45 MIN ON INCIDENT CLOCK
 [12/12/17 18:47:24 KOPS] INCIDENT CLOCK ELAPSED: 18:47:24
 [12/12/17 18:46:35 M072] GDIV1 ADV CT71 UTILITIES SHUT OFF ON BRAVO SIDE
 [12/12/17 18:46:07 M072] CB9 RUNNING WATER IN UNIT 1 SECOND FLOOR, REQ UTILITIES SHUT OFF ALPHA SIDE
 [12/12/17 18:45:10 M072] GE1 BROKEN WATER LINE IN UNIT 1, REQ SHUT OFF
 [12/12/17 18:44:21 M072] GDIV1 CE77/HT45 RELEASED
 [12/12/17 18:43:31 M072] GDIV1 RELEASE VE32/CE25
 [12/12/17 18:42:34 M067] CAREOPS ACTIVATE A 2ND UNIT TO THE LOCATION
 [12/12/17 18:42:13 M072] GE3 BUSTED WATER LINE IN INVOLVED UNIT
 [12/12/17 18:41:08 M072] GDIV1 CANCELLED VB3
 [12/12/17 18:40:30 M072] HUSAR42 REHAB
 [12/12/17 18:40:30 M067] GA3 FVH
 [12/12/17 18:40:16 M072] CT71 CHECKED EXPOSURE ON CHARLIE SIDE , 10/8/6/2 NO BREACH
 [12/12/17 18:39:47 M072] GDIV1 HUSAR42 ON ALPHA SIDE REHAB
 [12/12/17 18:39:20 M072] GE3 ALL CLEAR UPSTAIRS/DOWNSTAIRS , FIRE KNOCKDOWN
 [12/12/17 18:38:59 M072] GE7 DIV D
 [12/12/17 18:38:41 M072] GE1 1 PT BLS
 [12/12/17 18:38:02 M072] GE3 PRIMARY ALL CLEAR IN ALPHA UNITS
 [12/12/17 18:36:23 M072] GA3 FVH
 [12/12/17 18:36:20 M072] CE77 OS W/4
 [12/12/17 18:36:15 M072] VE32 OS W/4
 [12/12/17 18:36:10 M072] CE64 OS W/4
 [12/12/17 18:36:06 M072] CT64 OS W/4
 [12/12/17 18:36:01 M072] CB9 SAFTEY
 [12/12/17 18:35:48 M072] VB3 OS
 [12/12/17 18:34:57 M072] GB1 OPERATIONS
 [12/12/17 18:34:50 M072] GB1 ALPHA HAS FIRE KNOCKDOWN UPSTAIRS/DOWNSTAIRS
 [12/12/17 18:34:20 M080] GB1 PAGED MOVED UPS COMPLETE
 [12/12/17 18:34:14 M072] INCIDENT CLOCK ACKED: 18:34:14
 [12/12/17 18:34:09 M072] CE25 OS W/3
 [12/12/17 18:34:01 M072] ADV BOLSA IC 31 MIN ON INCIDENT CLOCK
 [12/12/17 18:33:52 M039] GA3 FVH
 [12/12/17 18:33:36 M072] GE1 NO EXTENSION, CAN HANDLE W/GE1
 [12/12/17 18:33:03 M072] GT1 CUT 3 HOLES, COMPROMISE TO ALPHA SIDE
 [12/12/17 18:32:33 M072] GE7 ACCESS INTO APT 5 ALL CLEAR, LIGHT FROM FIRE WALL UNIT 4/5
 [12/12/17 18:32:24 KOPS] INCIDENT CLOCK ELAPSED: 18:32:24
 [12/12/17 18:29:55 M072] GDIV1 BOLSA IC
 [12/12/17 18:29:48 M072] GT1 3/4/5 NO ACTIVE FIRE, LIGHT SMOKE
 [12/12/17 18:29:30 M072] HT45 OS W/4
 [12/12/17 18:29:23 M072] GDIV1 ASSUMING BOLSA IC
 [12/12/17 18:29:04 M072] CB9 LIGHT SMOKE 6/8/10, NO ACTIVE FIRE
 [12/12/17 18:28:26 M079] GPIO2 CALLED IN
 [12/12/17 18:28:24 M072] CB9 NO THREAT TO 4/6/8/10
 [12/12/17 18:27:44 M072] GE3 REQ FAN TO BRAVO SIDE
 [12/12/17 18:26:49 M072] CB9 UNIT 8/10 ON CHARLIE SIDE MINOR SMOKE, NO ACTIVE FIRE SEEN
 [12/12/17 18:26:00 M072] GA3 OS
 [12/12/17 18:25:57 M072] GB1 REQ 3RD ALARM
 [12/12/17 18:25:48 M080] Updated to ALARM LEVEL 3.
 [12/12/17 18:25:42 M072] GE3 KNOCKDOWN IN UPSTAIRS UNIT
 [12/12/17 18:25:31 M007] [75] E62.. SMALL FIRE.. KEEPING UNITS ON SCENE
 [12/12/17 18:24:50 M072] HUSAR42 OS W/4
 [12/12/17 18:24:00 M072] GDIV1 ON CHARLIE SIDE, REQ ENGINE TO CHARLIE SIDE
 [12/12/17 18:23:29 M072] GE1 BEST ACCESS TO UNIT 6 IS ON CHARLIE SIDE
 [12/12/17 18:23:15 M072] GE1 EXTENSION IN BRAVO EXPOSURE SECOND FLOOR, ATTACK MODE
 [12/12/17 18:21:59 M072] CE73 RIC
 [12/12/17 18:21:55 M072] GB1 CE73 ASSIGNED RIC
 [12/12/17 18:21:10 M072] VE231 ASSIST BRAVO DIV

NARRATIVE (2)**Narrative Title:** FIRE**Narrative Author:** Rieth, Mike**Narrative Date:** 12/14/2017 14:53:04**Narrative Apparatus ID:** GE7**Narrative:**

GROVE ENGINE 7 RESPONDED TO A STRUCTURE FIRE AT THE REPORTED ADDRESS. ON ARRIVAL GROVE ENGINE 7 WAS ASSIGNED WATER SUPPLY FOR ORCO ENGINE 78 WHO WAS FIRST ON SCENE AND IN COMMAND/FIRE ATTACK. UPON COMPLETION OF WATER SUPPLY, GE7 WAS GIVEN THE ASSIGNMENT OF DIVISION DELTA. THE DELTA SIDE EXPOSURE WAS MAINTAINED BY GE7 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE INCIDENT.

CAPTAIN RIETH

NARRATIVE (3)**Narrative Title:** capt**Narrative Author:** Acosta, Alberto**Narrative Date:** 12/14/2017 18:29:58**Narrative Apparatus ID:** GE3**Narrative:**

GE3 RESPONDED TO THE REPORTED ADDRESS FOR A STRUCTURE FIRE. GE3 WAS 3RD IN AND ASSIGNED DIVISION ALPHA, INTERIOR FIRE ATTACK TO APARTMENT 3 WITH REMAINING CREW FROM OCFA E78. GE3 PULLED HAND LINES, MADE FORCIBLE ENTRY TO APARTMENT 3 AND ATTACKED THE FIRE IN THE PATIO AREA, FIRST FLOOR, AND INTERIOR BEDROOMS UPSTAIRS. FIRE WAS KNOCKED DOWN AND AREA CLEARED OF SMKOE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF ORIGIN AND CAUSE BY INVESTIGATORS. OVER HAULED WAS PERFORMED AFTER INVESTIGATION WAS COMPLETED. PROPERTY RELEASED BACK TO OWNER REPRESENTATIVE.

NARRATIVE (4)**Narrative Title:** Fire**Narrative Author:** Garcia, Drew**Narrative Date:** 12/19/2017 17:38:41**Narrative Apparatus ID:** GE1**Narrative:**

Structure Fire - Residential

GE1 responded as part of a working structure fire assignment to a residential structure fire. GE1 was assigned Division Bravo upon arrival at the incident. Enroute to Division Bravo, GE1 encountered a female patient standing in a vehicle parking area. The female patient stated she exited from an uninvolved unit. GE1 left one paramedic from GE1 to attend to the patient and requested an ambulance to respond to the west alleyway. The patient was transported BLS to Fountain Valley Hospital. GE1 made access to the bravo exposure where smoke and extension to the attic was found. GE1 pulled ceiling and extinguished the fire. GE1 Complete.

Captain Garcia

[12/12/17 18:21:02 M072] GB1 VE231 BRAVO SIDE APT 6 EXPOSURE
[12/12/17 18:20:47 M072] GE1 1 PT ON BRAVO SIDE, SMOKE PRODUCTION ON SECOND FLOOR APT 6
[12/12/17 18:20:03 M072] CT71 UTILITIES
[12/12/17 18:19:55 M072] GB1 CT71 UTILITIES
[12/12/17 18:19:46 M072] CE73 OS W/4
[12/12/17 18:19:38 M072] VE231 OS W/4
[12/12/17 18:19:30 M072] CT71 OS W/4
[12/12/17 18:19:18 M072] INCIDENT CLOCK ACKED: 18:19:18
[12/12/17 18:19:15 M072] ADV GB1 16 MIN ON INCIDENT CLOCK
[12/12/17 18:18:54 M072] GE7 ALL CLEAR DELTA EXPOSURE
[12/12/17 18:18:41 M072] GE7 MADE ENTRANCE SECOND FLOOR DELTA SIDE, SMOKE IN CRAWL SPACE
[12/12/17 18:18:17 M072] GDIV1 BLOSA SHUT DOWN FROM WARD TO EUCLID BY PD
[12/12/17 18:17:34 M080] VB3 -CALLED V03, VB3 NOT IN QUARTERS, STATION ADVISED THEY CALL CALL HIS CELL
[12/12/17 18:17:24 KOPS] INCIDENT CLOCK ELAPSED: 18:17:24
[12/12/17 18:17:08 M072] GE1 DIV B
[12/12/17 18:16:59 M072] GB1 GE1 ASSIGNED TO BRAVO EXPOSURE
[12/12/17 18:16:30 M072] GB1 BOLSA COMMAND ON SOUTH SIDE, ALPHA SIDE IS ON SOUTH SIDE OF BLDG
[12/12/17 18:16:13 M072] CE78 SC Removed
[12/12/17 18:16:05 M072] GB1 BOLSA IC
[12/12/17 18:15:55 M072] GB1 ASSUMING COMMAND
[12/12/17 18:15:46 M072] CB9 OS
[12/12/17 18:15:04 M080] VB3 BACKED ON VOCALS
[12/12/17 18:15:02 M072] GE1 OS W/4
[12/12/17 18:14:59 M080] VB3 BACKED ON VOCALS
[12/12/17 18:14:05 M009] VB3 PAGED FOR STATUS
[12/12/17 18:13:44 M080] VB3 UNABLE TO LOCATE
[12/12/17 18:13:43 M072] CE78 GE7 CHECK DELTA SIDE
[12/12/17 18:12:34 M072] GB1 OS
[12/12/17 18:12:26 M080] VB3 PAGED TO CONFIRM ENRT
[12/12/17 18:12:21 M081] EDISON ADV, WILL MAKE CALL PRIORITY, ENRT, ORDER #29-78748
[12/12/17 18:12:02 M072] GT1 OS FROM THE EAST
[12/12/17 18:11:34 M072] GE3 OS W/4
[12/12/17 18:11:25 M072] GE3 DIV A/FIRE ATTACK'
[12/12/17 18:10:52 M072] CE78 GE3 DIV A, GET PRIMARY CLEAR, FIRE ATTACK
[12/12/17 18:10:15 M072] GT1 VENT
[12/12/17 18:10:07 M072] GE7 BEST ACCESS ENTRANCE TO THE EAST SIDE
[12/12/17 18:09:54 M072] CE78 GT1 VENT WHEN OS
[12/12/17 18:09:06 M039] GGPDP REQUESTED
[12/12/17 18:09:03 M072] CE78 REQ SECOND ALARM
[12/12/17 18:08:53 M080] Updated to ALARM LEVEL 2.
[12/12/17 18:08:52 M072] CE78 BOLSA IC
[12/12/17 18:08:39 M072] GE7 OS W/3
[12/12/17 18:08:24 M072] CE78 OS W/4, OUTSIDE FIRE ON CHARLIE SIDE, SPREADING TO THE SECOND FLOOR, REQ GGPDP/AMB, BOLSA IC ON CHARLIE SIDE
[12/12/17 18:08:13 M007] [25] A CELLULAR RE-BID HAS OCCURRED, CHECK THE ANI/ALI VIEWER FOR DETAILS
[12/12/17 18:08:02 M007] [19] A CELLULAR RE-BID HAS OCCURRED, CHECK THE ANI/ALI VIEWER FOR DETAILS
[12/12/17 18:07:33 M072] CE78 HEADER FROM THE STREET WORKING FIRE
[12/12/17 18:07:26 M080] Situation Updated: 167 (STRUCTURE FIRE-WORKING)
[12/12/17 18:07:15 M007] [18] DUPLICATE CALL APPENDED TO INCIDENT AT 18:07:02
[12/12/17 18:06:01 M007] [14] DUPLICATE CALL APPENDED TO INCIDENT AT 18:05:53
[12/12/17 18:05:26 M007] [13] DISREGARD LAST COMMENT
[12/12/17 18:05:06 M007] [12] BPK PD ER
[12/12/17 18:03:12 M007] CALL TRANSFER TO OCFA SUCCEEDED
[12/12/17 18:02:24 M067] INCIDENT CLOCK STARTED: 18:02:24 FOR 15 MINUTES

Garden Grove Fire Department

Origin and Cause Report

Accidental Structure Fire

10622 Bolsa Ave., Apt. #3, Garden Grove

December 12, 2017, at 1801 hrs.

GGFD Incident #G1714124

At 1913 hrs. on December 12, 2017, I was dispatched to a reported structure fire located at 10622 Bolsa Avenue, Apt. #3 in the City of Garden Grove. I arrived at approximately 1930, after fire knock down. I was assisted by Fire Investigator Bill Strohm with the investigation.

The weather at the time of the fire was approximately 68 degrees with calm winds. Weather was sourced through www.wunderground.com on December 19, 2017. The weather had no effect on the fire.

The property involved was a two story apartment unit, located within a large apartment complex with extension to the attached adjacent unit to the west. The exterior is stucco with composition shingle roof. The interior is wood frame covered with drywall.

The electrical service is provided by Edison; delivered via underground. Two (2) main service meters were located on the east and west walls of the building involved. The main service meters sustained no damage due to the fire and appeared not to have been tampered with. No circuits, on the sub-panel within the unit involved, appeared to have been tripped according to first in engine companies.

The natural gas for the building and unit is supplied by Southern California Gas Company. It was unknown by the investigator whether it was turned off or not.

The domestic water service is provided by the City of Garden Grove. The water was on at the time of the fire.

Upon inspection of the apartment involved, there was one (1) smoke detector found which was located on the first floor wall. No CO detectors were found. There were no other fire extinguishing systems noted.

Heat from the fire damaged the south patio area, the southeast and southwest bedrooms located on the second floor, the dining room area, the living room area and the south section of the attic. Smoke damage was throughout the entire unit.

Four occupants of the involved unit were out of the area at the time of the fire.

There were no injuries reported at the time of the fire.

The fire was reported to dispatch by an unknown party with a T-Mobile number of [REDACTED]

FIRE SCENE EXAMINATION

Exterior Examination

I began my exterior examination of the damaged property on the east side of the building at the main electrical service panel. I noted one (1) main service meter which sustained no damage during the course of the fire.

I made my way around to the south side of the building, which is the entrance into the involved unit, this is where I observed a majority of the exterior damage to the structure.

The west side of the building was intact with no fire or smoke damage. The address to the building (numericals only) is affixed to this side of the structure. I noted one (1) main service meter (electrical) located on the west side of the building as well. This service panel did not sustain any damage during the course of the fire and didn't appear to be tampered with.

The north side of the involved building, with attached apartment units north of involved unit, sustained no damage during the course of the fire.

The laundry facility, which is attached to the east side of the structure, sustained no damage during the course of the fire.

As I entered the involved unit I observed, as mentioned above, a majority of the exterior fire damage to the exterior south patio and the south side of the involved unit.

Interior Examination

Downstairs

Following the completion of the exterior examination, I began my interior examination starting at the front door. No unit number was visible at the front door as there is for the adjacent unit #5, east of the involved unit. The exterior security door was forced open by cutting around the lock. The front door showed signs of force as well with damage to the doorjam.

Heat and fire damage was found in the family room down to approximately waist high with melting of the sliding door frame, as well as calcification of the drywall to the wall above the sliding door and ceiling adjacent to (photo is looking south from family room towards south outdoor patio).

The dining area sustained fire damage to the top of the window frame, ceiling and smoke damage throughout the dining room.

The kitchen area sustained smoke damage.

The downstairs bathroom sustained smoke damage.

The downstairs smoke detector found on the north wall destroyed due to heat.

Per one of the occupants, Ariel Mejia, he used the south patio as storage for miscellaneous items [REDACTED] non-operable washing machine, clothing, baby clothing, barbecue (Ariel stated BBQ just stored on patio, not allowed to use per association), satellite dish, etc. See Ariel's [REDACTED] patio with location of items below. Ariel stated that he was out on the patio the morning prior to

the fire tidying up. Everything on the patio area was destroyed due to the fire. There was heavy damage to all wooden vertical fence posts and damage to the concrete type horizontal slats of the patio on the unit side only, with the exception of the location of the barbeque propane tank.

Upstairs

The stairs leading to the 2nd floor with smoke and water damage.

At the top of the stairs was the heater closet which had minor smoke damage to the inside. The heater appeared to have been functioning as normal prior to the fire.

The hallway linen closet with smoke and heat damage with blistering paint to the exterior of.

Water heater with smoke and slight heat damage to the inside of the closet. Water heater closet door with warping due to heat. The water heater appeared to have been functioning as normal prior to the fire.

2nd floor bathroom with smoke damage and heat damage to higher levels.

The west bedroom was found to have smoke damage throughout with heat down to shoulder level and calcification of drywall to the upper levels of the south and west walls. Attic involvement with 'alligatoring' to upper rafters. The exterior photo from the patio looking up towards the west bedroom reflects partial burning to plywood, which covers the eave area, with plywood left hanging.

The east bedroom was found to have smoke damage throughout with heat levels down to about the mattress level of the bed (about knee high). Calcification to the higher levels of the bedroom walls with extreme calcification to drywall in the attic area. Rafters with 'alligatoring' with some rafters completely burned through and missing. The exterior photo from the patio looking up towards the east bedroom reflects the plywood covering the eave area completely burned and missing. A dig-out of the southwest and southeast corners of the east bedroom found no cause of fire due to electrical issues.

Interviews

The involved unit had a total of four occupants:

██████████ his wife ██████████, his mother ██████████ and his ██████████ son.

██████████ and their ██████████ occupied the west bedroom and ██████████ occupied the east bedroom.

An interview with ██████████ determined that no one was home at the time of the fire. She stated that they left for the Bella Terra Mall in Huntington Beach around 1640 earlier that day. She stated that no one smokes in the household and that they have no 'riffs' with anyone further stating that she doesn't know of anyone that may have started the fire. She also stated that they do have renters insurance (USAA). Ariel adding that they just moved into this unit from another unit in the complex (10652 Bolsa Ave., Apt. #9) and forgot to transfer the insurance to the new unit. All property within the residence is owned free and clear. She stated that there were no laptops or iPads plugged in charging. She did state that there was a glade plug-in deodorizer plugged in

downstairs to the left of the TV; not found during interior examination. Lizett stated that there were no candles burning in the household.

An interview with Ariel determined that earlier that day he was tidying up the patio area. When asked if he used the barbeque, he stated no. When asked if he started the barbeque to clean the grill he stated no. He did state that he believes that the propane tank was half full. The valve on the propane tank was found to be completely open. Ariel also stated that the west bedroom window was left open and that the AC unit in that room is always plugged in. Ariel was asked to draw a sketch of the patio area and to note where items were located (sketch located below).

An interview with Martha, whom is non-english speaking (Ariel used to translate), stated that her east bedroom window was left open. She also stated that she plugs all electrical items into a power strip in her bedroom. She stated that every time she leaves the residence she unplugs the power strip from the wall. When asked why she does that, she stated that it's due to the 1 ½ year old that lives in the household. Upon the dig-out of the east bedroom it was found that the power strip was plugged into the west wall of the east bedroom, although not a factor in the cause of the fire. Martha stated that the AC unit in the east bedroom was unplugged which after dig-out was undetermined whether it was or not. Martha, whom was with Ariel and Lizett at the Bella Terra Mall, stated that she was notified of the fire by Ana Zuluga whom lives at 10632 Bolsa Ave., Apt #8 (within the same apartment complex).

EXAMINATION OF POTENTIAL IGNITION SOURCES

Structures electrical system: Non-contributing to the fire.

Electronics: Non-contributing to the fire.

Smoking material: Non-contributing to the fire.

Candles (open flame devices): Occupants state that there were no candles or open flames. Nothing of the such was found near the area of origin.

Spontaneous combustion: The elements necessary for spontaneous combustion were not found in the area of origin.

Incendiary: Incendiary devices were not used as the cause of the fire.

Cooking: Cooking was denied by the occupants as they were out of the area at the time of the fire. [REDACTED]

Evidence: No evidence was [REDACTED]

Natural gas appliances and distribution system: The propane barbeque [REDACTED] on the west wall of the south patio was within the area of origin and appeared to have been the possible source of ignition. Ariel stated that the propane tank valve was closed, when in fact it was found by the investigators to be completely open. The horizontal portion of the perimeter fencing around the patio is made of a concrete type of material which had scorching and degradation on the opposite side of the fence opposite of where the propane tank was located. No other exterior part of the perimeter fencing had smoke or fire damage to it. Metal items in the immediate area of the barbeque, such as the satellite dish and the metal rack shelving appeared to have high-

temperature oxidation (rusting). The first in engine company size-up did report (paraphrasing) 'fire in the patio area extending up into the second floor living area'.

Combustible materials near the heat source: Multiple combustible materials were stored in the vicinity of the barbeque, in particular the propane tank, on the south patio area.

Ignition Source/Material First Ignited/Fire Development: It was determined that the barbeque was turned on and left unattended contributing to the ignition of surrounding combustible materials. This causing a possible breach in the propane tank feeder line adding to the growth and development of the fire with a high fire load on the patio, ultimately extending to the second floor open windows.

Area of Origin: The fire appeared to have originated on the exterior south patio along the west perimeter wall where the barbeque/propane tank was stored.

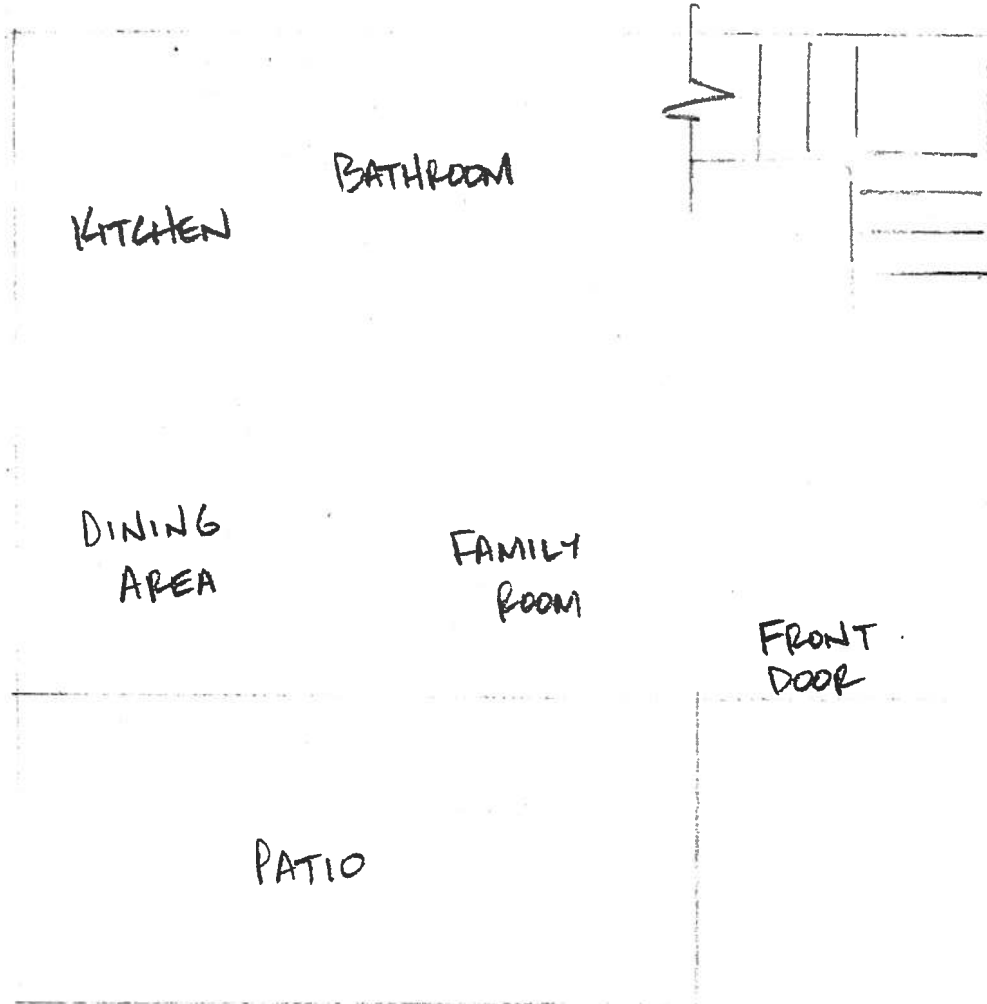
CONCLUSION

Based on the examination of the fire scene, statements made by fire personnel and interviews taken from the involved unit occupants, it is the conclusion of this fire investigator (Breneman), as well as Investigator Strohm, that this fire is ruled *accidental*. This conclusion is based on the most probable cause which was an unspecified failure of an unattended barbeque.

This investigation is closed.

1st Floor Sketch

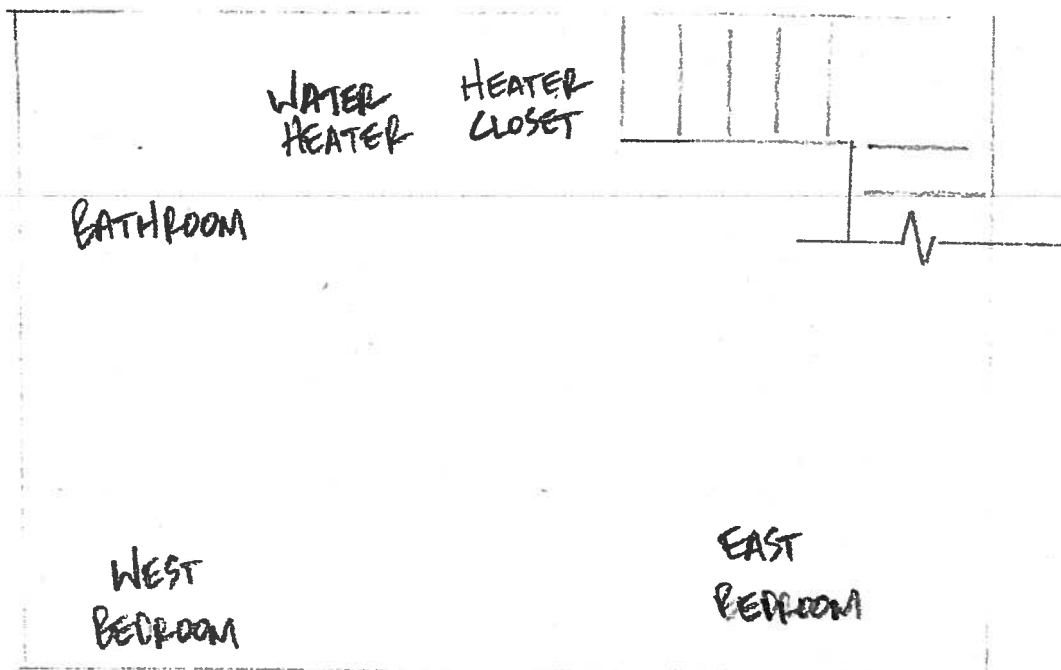
1st Floor



NOT TO SCALE

2nd Floor Sketch

2ND FLOOR



NOT TO SCALE

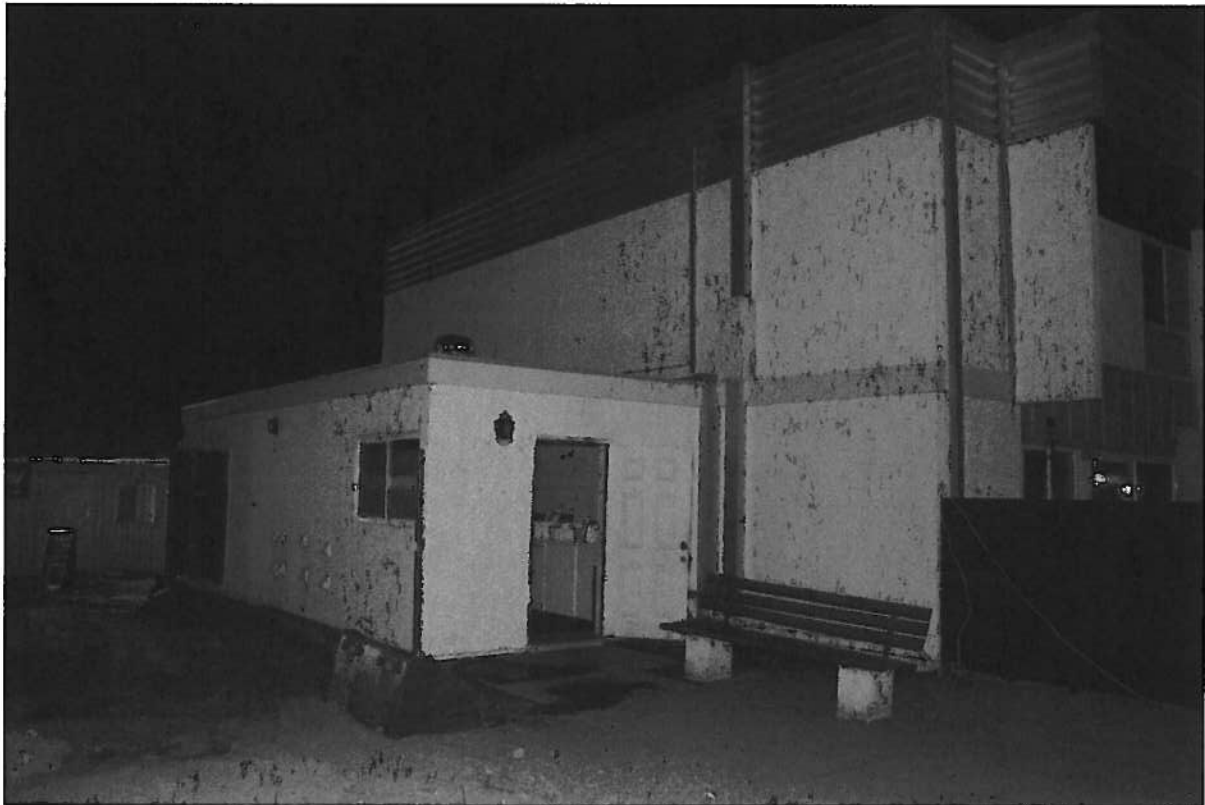
East Wall Main Service Panel



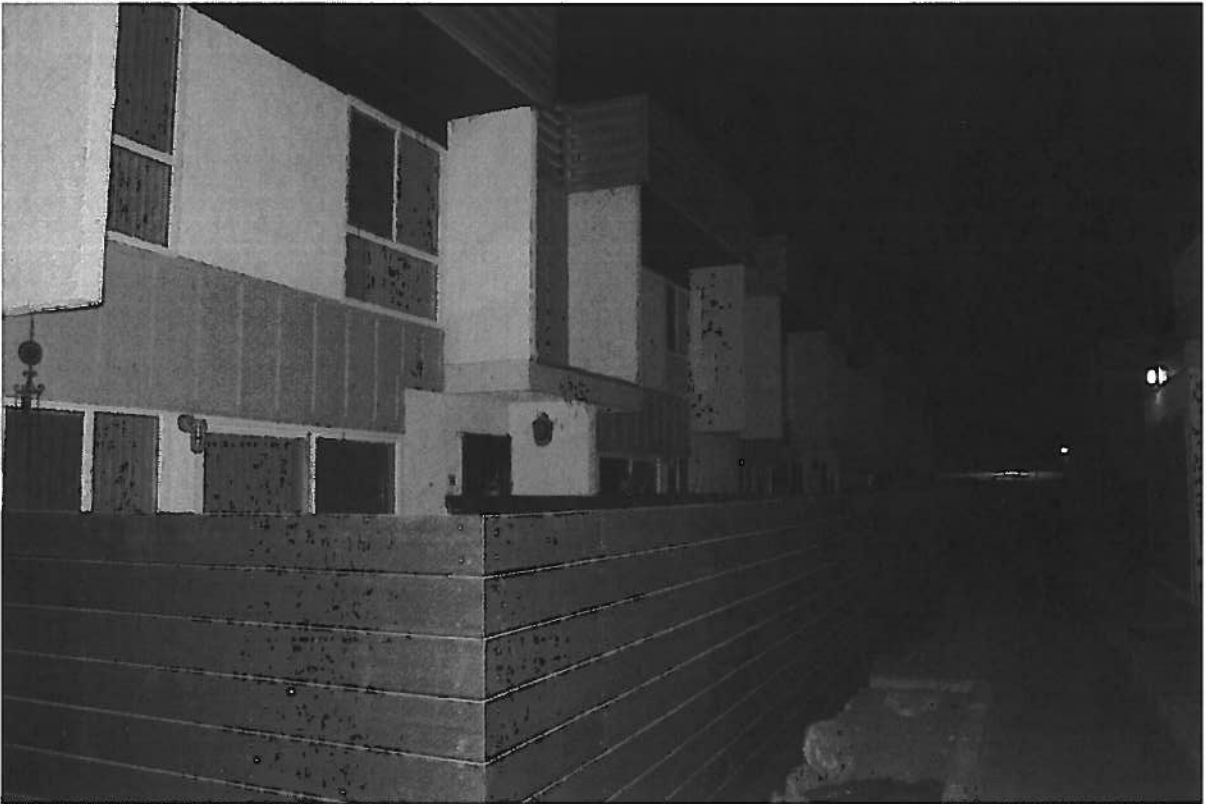
Units Directly North of Involved Unit

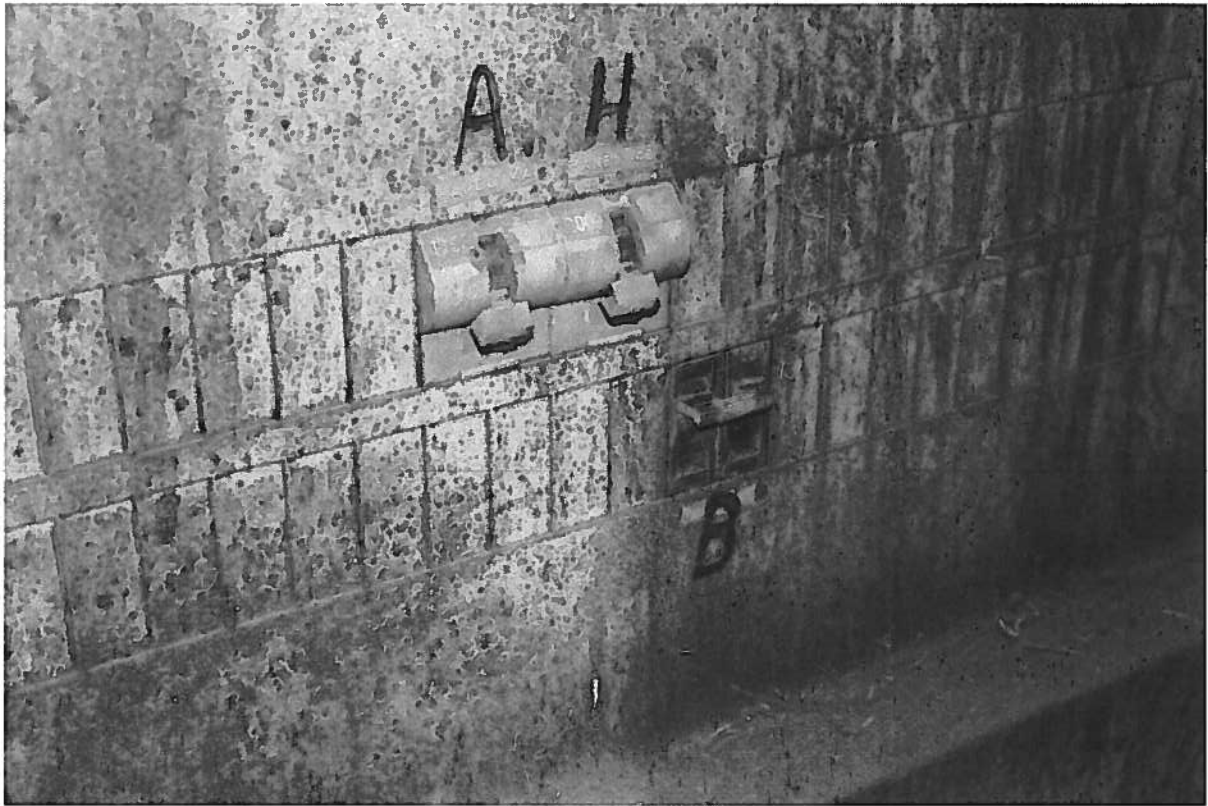


Laundry Facility on East Side of Building



North Side of Building

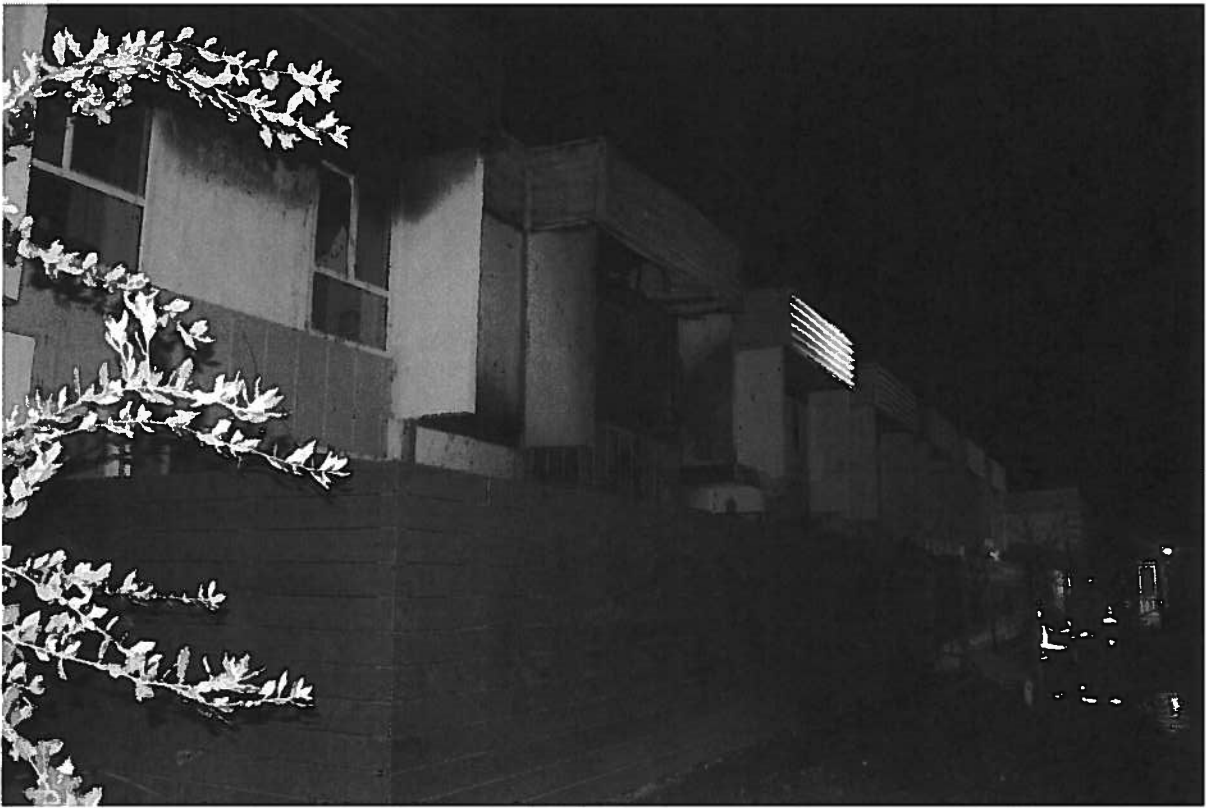




South Side of Building



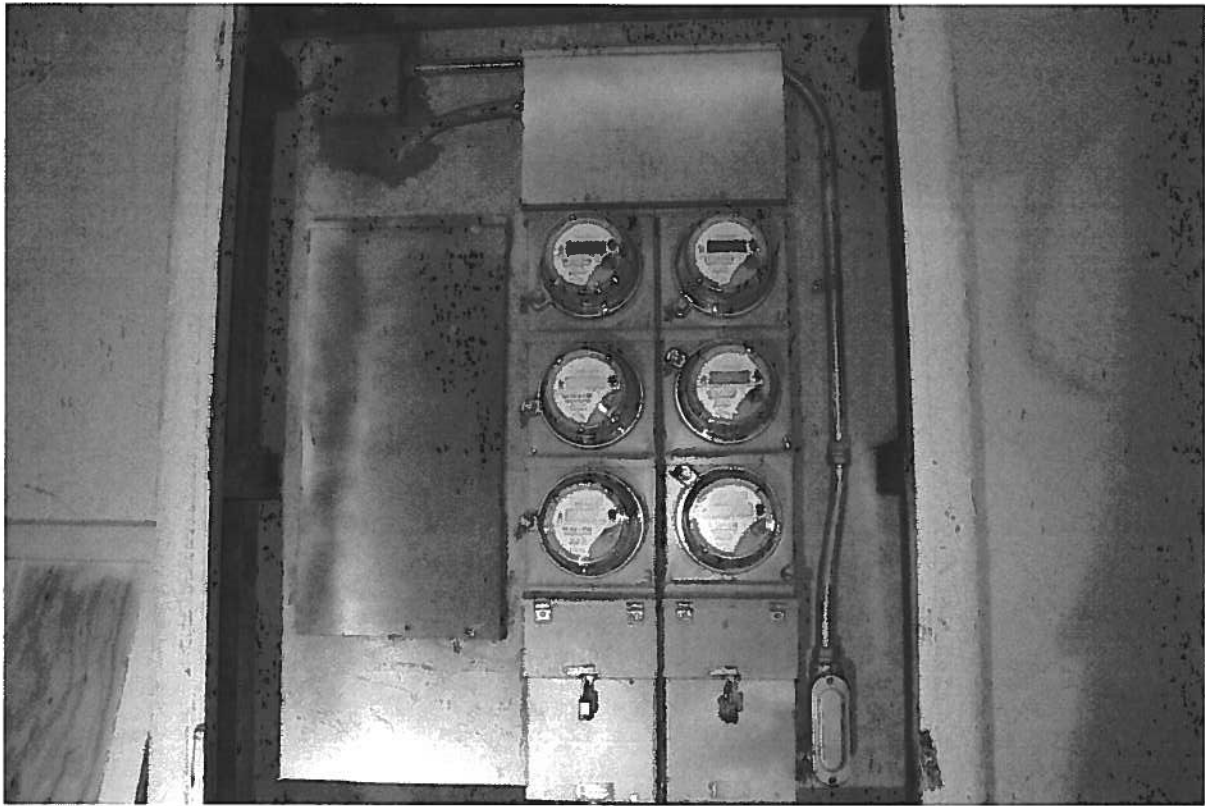




West Side of Building



West Wall (Address (numericals only) and West Main Service Panel)





Front Door of Unit Involved

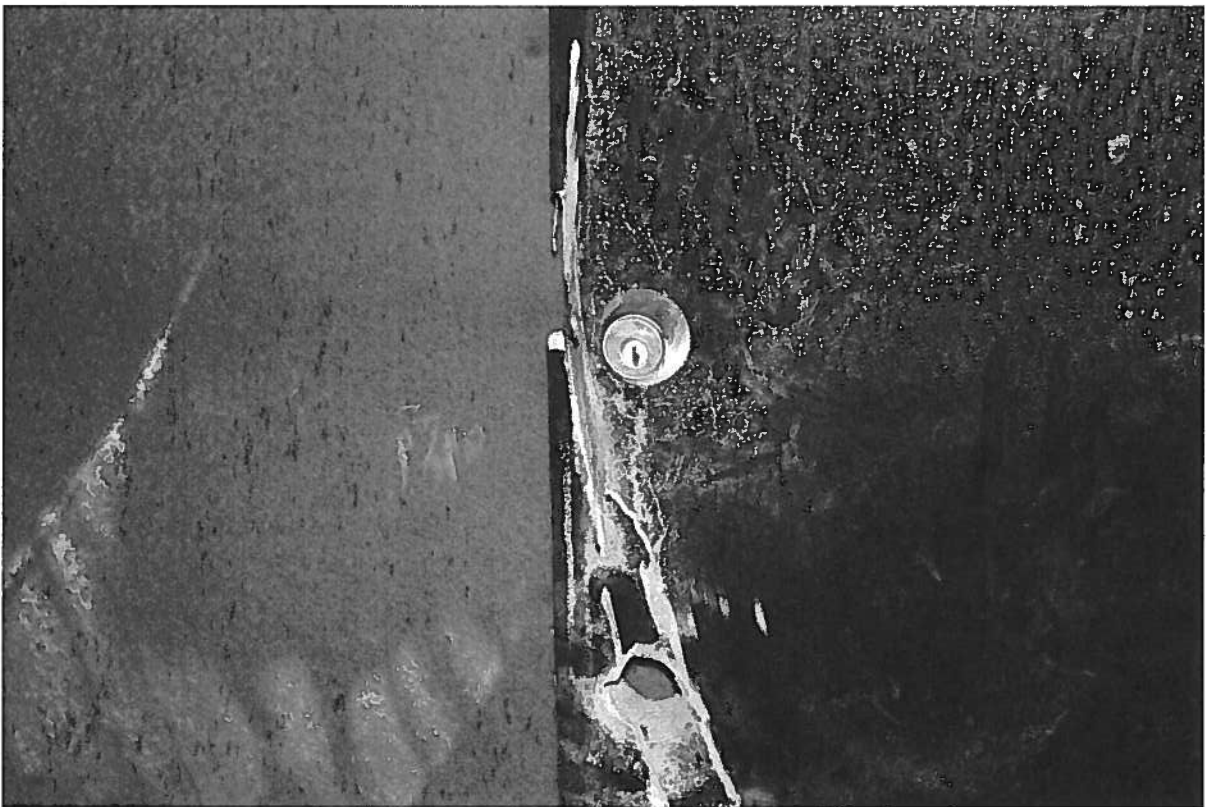


Forced Front Security Door





Forced Front Door

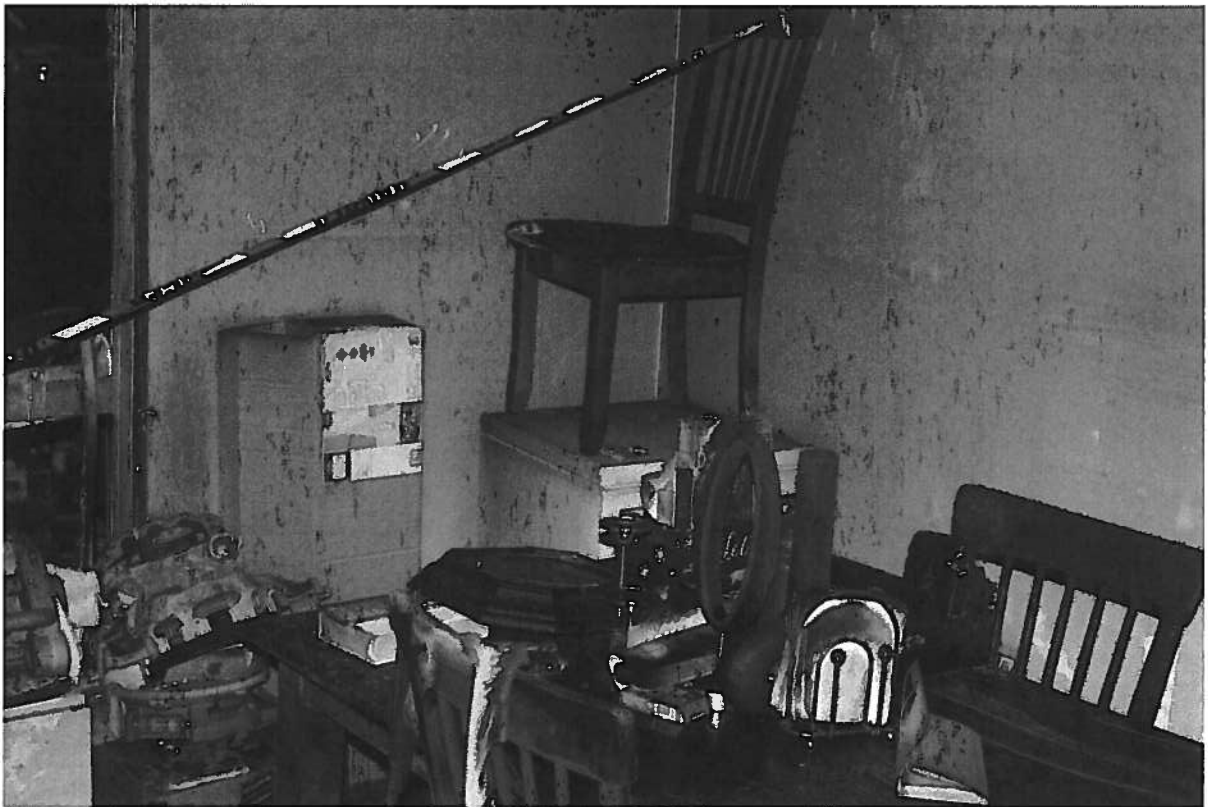


Family Room





Dining Area



Kitchen



Downstairs Bathroom



Smoke Detector Downstairs (North Wall 1st Floor)



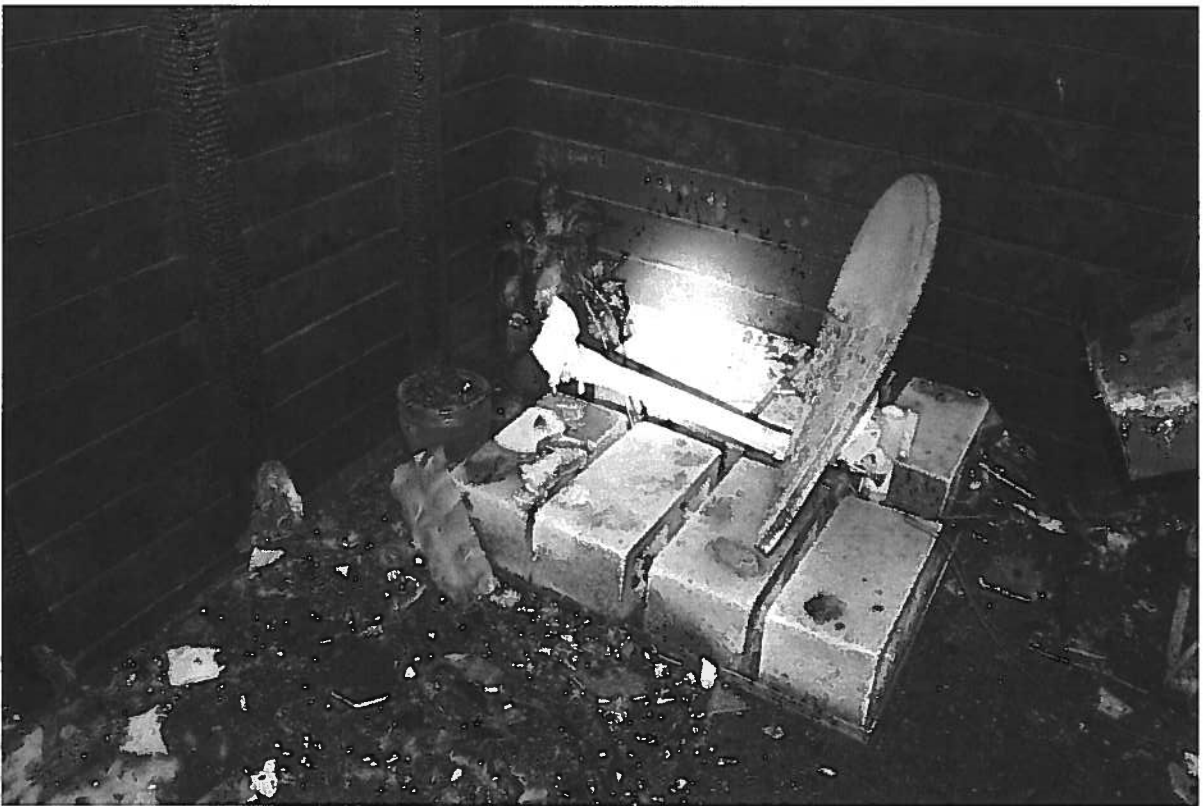
West Side of Patio from the Sliding Door Area



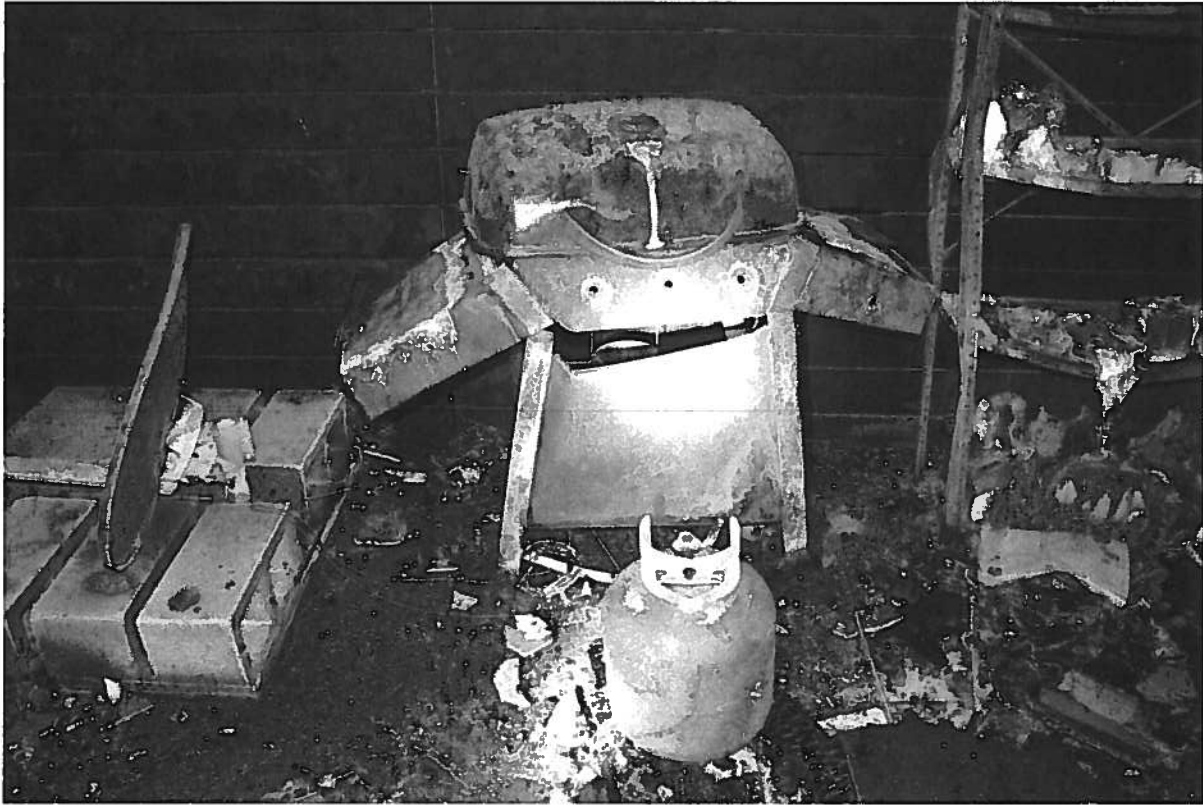
East Side of the Patio (Photo taken from the west side of patio)



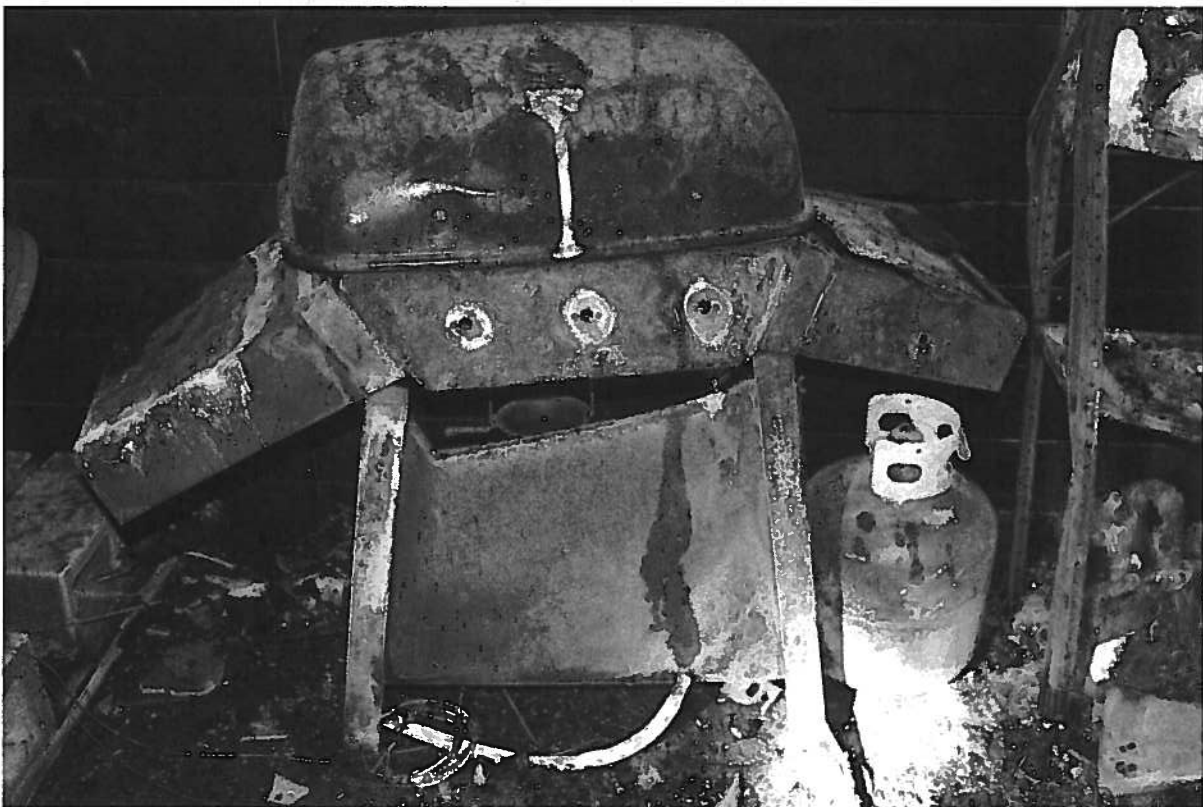
Southwest Corner of Patio (Satellite Dish)



Barbeque Located on West Wall of Patio



Barbeque with Propane Tank in Original Placement





Propane Tank



Opposite Side of Wall of Propane Tank (Taken from Unit to the West)



Metal Rack Shelving in Northwest Corner of Patio



Washing Machine in Southeast Corner of Patio



AC Unit in Northeast Corner of Patio



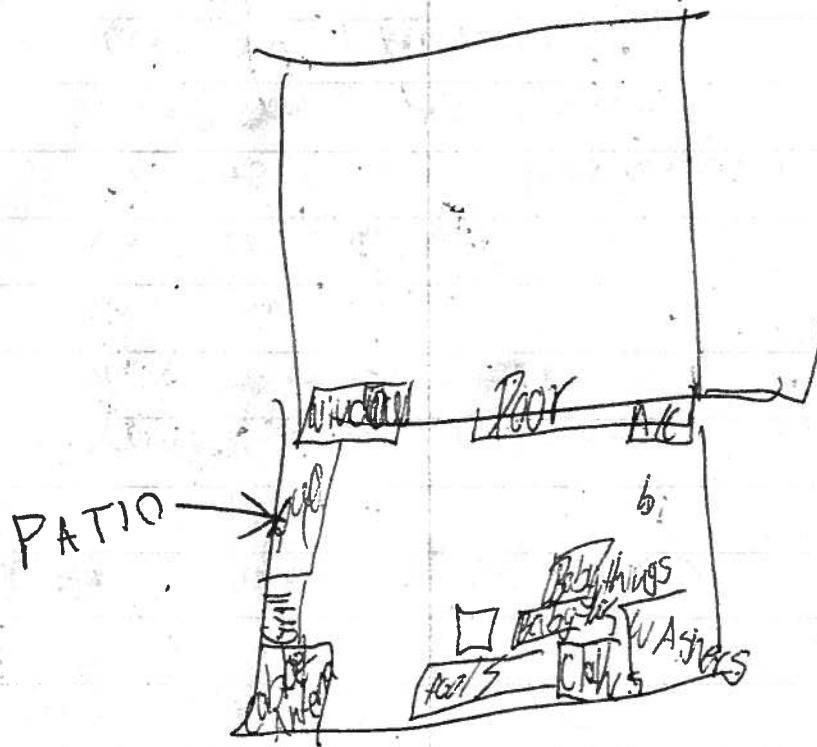
Patio Perimeter Wall with Wooden Fence Posts and Concrete Type Horizontal Slats



Light Fixture on South Wall of Structure on Patio



Ariel Mejia's Sketch of Patio



BBQ - PROPANE (JUST STORED - NOT ALLOWED TO USE)
TAKE HALF (GUESTS)
PATIO USED FOR STORAGE.

Photo of 2nd Floor West Bedroom from Patio



Photo of 2nd Floor East Bedroom from Patio



Stairs from Front Door



Stairs from Mid-landing Looking Up Towards 2nd Floor



Heater Closet at Top of Stairs



2nd Floor Linen Closets in Hallway Next to East Bedroom



Water Heater 2nd Floor



2nd Floor Bathroom from Hallway





2nd Floor West Bedroom Door



2nd Floor West Bedroom from Door



West Bedroom Looking Southwest



West Wall in West Bedroom



Northwest Corner of West Bedroom



West Bedroom Attic



2nd Floor East Bedroom Door



2nd Floor East Bedroom from Door



East Bedroom Looking South



West Wall of East Bedroom



North Wall of East Bedroom



Southeast Corner of East Bedroom



East Bedroom Attic Looking South

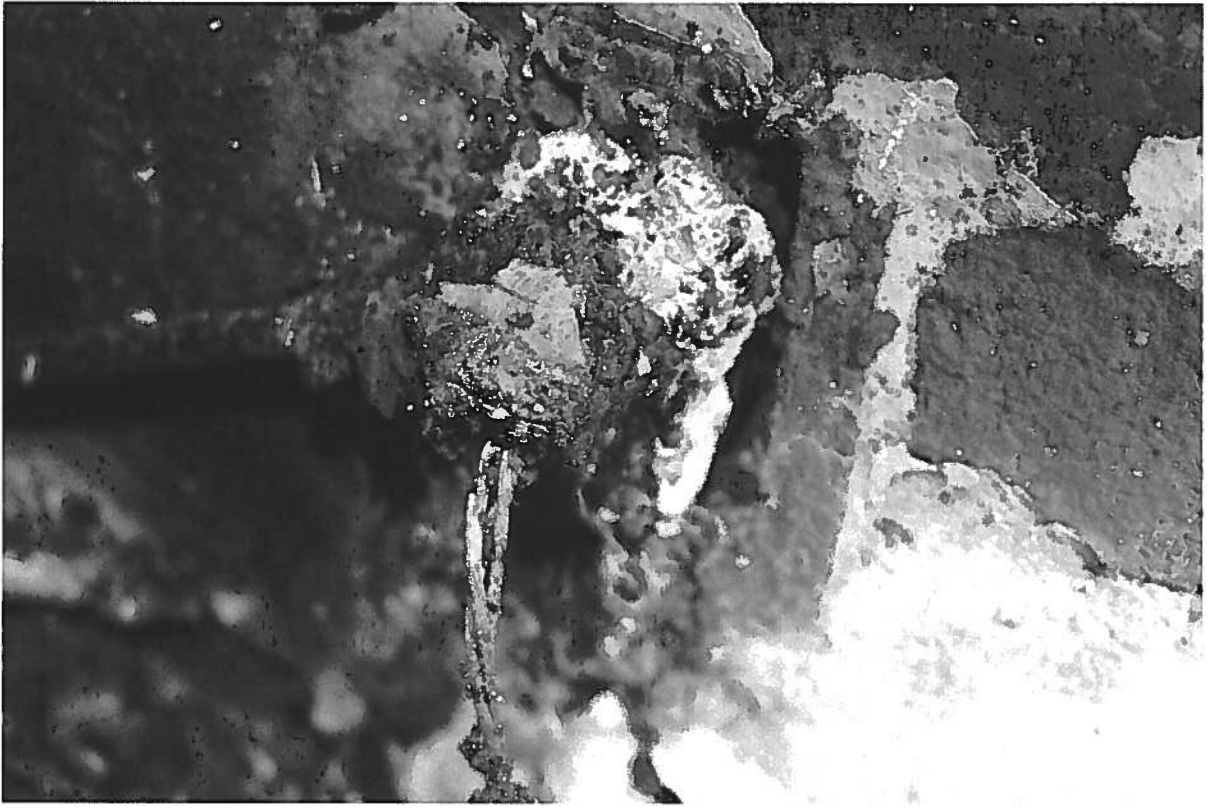


East Bedroom Attic Looking North



Outlet in East Bedroom on West Wall (Power strip plugged in)





Outlet in East Bedroom on West Wall (After Dig-out)



Computer CPU in Southeast Corner of East Bedroom



Outlet in East Bedroom on East Wall

