

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

March 12, 2020

San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST) are asking assistance from the public to help identify and locate the suspect who is responsible for a vehicle fire, which took place in the City Heights area of San Diego.

On Monday, March 9, 2020, at 4:16 a.m., an unknown suspect walked to the east alley of the 4100 block of Highland Avenue and set a Ford Ranger pickup truck on fire. The fire engulfed the truck and damaged the carport where the vehicle was parked. The suspect then walked east on the 4400 block of Orange Avenue and fled the scene. The damage to the vehicle and carport is estimated at \$13,000.

Suspect's Description:

The suspect is described as a possible Hispanic male, wearing a dark t-shirt, blue jeans, red shoes, and a dark cap with an unknown logo on it.

A surveillance camera captured video and a still image of the suspect. The image can be found on page 2 of this release. A link to view a video can be found below.

https://youtu.be/ThMY25jtUhc

Anyone with information on the identity or location of the suspect is asked to call the Metro Arson Strike Team at (619) 236-6815 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 Sergeant Rick Pechin at (619) 236-7765 or email at <u>rpechin@pd.sandiego.gov</u>.
- 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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