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Suspect Arrested for Setting Fire, Destroying Memorial Site Dedicated to Cyclist Killed in 2021

San Diego – In the evening hours of Jan. 5, an unknown person set fire to a memorial site dedicated to a bicyclist who was killed in 2021. The memorial on Camino Del Rio South had a bicycle and banner to honor the victim that were both destroyed by the fire.

On Jan. 11, the San Diego Police Department was made aware of the incident and contacted the San Diego Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST) to investigate the case.

During the course of the investigation, investigators identified 32-year-old Alvaro Lopez as the suspect and located him in jail, where he was being held for an unrelated charge. On Jan. 18, he was arrested for arson to property and arson to vegetation for the Jan. 5 incident.

Anyone with information is requested to call the Metro Arson Strike Team at 619-236-6815 or Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

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