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Arrest of Arson Suspect

San Diego - This morning at approximately 2:30 am, San Diego Police Department Communications received a 911 call regarding smoke coming from a building and a possible explosion in the area of Balboa Avenue and SR-163. San Diego Fire and Police Department personnel responded to the area and discovered a car on fire at 8650 Balboa Avenue. This building is occupied by Raytheon. The car appeared to have crashed into the building and was engulfed in flames. As fire department personnel handled the car fire, SDPD officers searched the area for the driver who was no longer at the scene. Due to the nature of the collision and fire, the San Diego Police Department contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST) for assistance. All agencies provided resources to assist in the investigation.

Earlier this afternoon, the driver of the car was identified and located. The suspect was placed under arrest by San Diego Police detectives and will be booked into San Diego County Jail. Investigators believe the vehicle was intentionally set on fire therefore the suspect will be booked on arson related charges. The suspect has been identified as Daniel Mackinnon, D.O.B. 10-18-1982. As part of this joint investigation, the FBI obtained a search warrant for the suspect's home based upon a federal arson statute.

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