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Press Release

Today's Date: 1/10/14
Date & Time Occurred: 1/9/14 at 3:30 a.m.
Submitted By: Sgt. Jeff King
Phone: (707)449-5200
Case Number: 14-00202
Type of Crime/Incident: Arson of an inhabited dwelling
Location: Chateau Circle, Vacaville CA
Suspects: Mark Lewis , 39, Vacaville resident
Anthony Newbolt, 33, Sacramento resident
Richerd Wright, 28, Sacramento resident
Kristen Broyles, 30, Citrus Height resident

VACAVILLE POLICE ARREST LOCAL PASTOR, THREE OTHERS, FOR ARSON

Four people, including the pastor of a local church, have been arrested and charged with arson of an inhabited dwelling, as well as other charges.

S-Mark Lewis, 39, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, was arrested a short time after three others were arrested following an attempt to burn down an occupied home on Chateau Circle.

Vacaville Police received a 9-1-1 call at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, January 9, 2014, from someone inside a residence on Chateau Circle saying a Molotov cocktail had been thrown into their home. No one was injured and damage to the home was minor as the residents inside were able to put the fire out prior to emergency personnel arriving. A total of six people were asleep inside the residence at the time of the incident, including three children. Police and fire units responded to the scene for aid and to begin a criminal investigation.

A patrol officer responded to the intersection of Ulatis Drive and Leisure Town Road within minutes of this call for service. At that time, the officer saw a rental vehicle traveling northbound on Leisure Town Road heading toward the highway; it was the only vehicle on the road at the time. The officer, seeing a vehicle code violation, made an enforcement stop.

S-Anthony Newbolt, 33, of Sacramento; S-Richerd Wright, 28, of Sacramento; and S-Kristen Broyles, 30, of Citrus Heights were located inside the vehicle. During the course of this investigation, information and evidence was obtained implicating all three suspects in the fire bombing on Chateau Circle.

S-Anthony Newbolt, S-Richerd Wright and S-Kristen Broyles were arrested and booked into Solano County Jail on charges of arson of an inhabited dwelling and possession of an incendiary device. S-Anthony Newbolt and S-Kristen Broyles also had unrelated outstanding arrests warrants. S-Anthony Newbolt and S-Kristen Broyles told investigators that they had been staying at the Fellowship Baptist Church, 3321 Farrell Road in Vacaville, because they are homeless.

Criminal activity can be reported at www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police, or you can call "Crime Stoppers" and leave an anonymous tip at 707-644-STOP.(7867). Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.



Investigators learned the victim from the Chateau Circle arson case has an active restraining order against S-Mark Lewis. S-Mark Lewis had also been named as a suspect in four separate incidents of harassment and vandalism against the victim since Christmas. In one incident, bushes in front of the victim's home were set on fire.

S-Mark Lewis resides in a home at Fellowship Baptist Church and as a result, officers served a search warrant at the home. Numerous items of evidence were seized during the search including an illegal handgun and suspected methamphetamine. Detectives also found evidence implicating S- Mark Lewis as a co-conspirator in the Thursday morning arson fire.

S-Mark Lewis was arrested for arson on an inhabited dwelling in the Thursday morning incident; conspiracy; and stalking. He is currently being held at Solano County Jail in Fairfield with bail set at \$500,000.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to call the Vacaville Police Department at (707) 449-5200 or Detective Chris Lechuga at (707) 449-5269. Photos of the four suspects in this case have been attached to this press release.



Anthony Newbolt



Kristen Broyles



Richerd Wright



Mark Lewis