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Incident / DR#: 16-005816

Date: April 24, 2016

Location: Adams Ave and Pinecreek Dr

Time: 5:10 p.m.

Arrestee: **Name:** Male juvenile (identity withheld)
 City of Residence: Costa Mesa

Age: 13 years

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Vehicle: N/A

Synopsis:

April 24th, early Sunday evening, Costa Mesa Police Officers and Costa Mesa Fire Department Arson Investigators arrested a 13-year old Costa Mesa boy for having set a series of seven separate fires throughout the city over the weekend.

On Saturday, April 23rd, at 11:00 p.m., Costa Mesa Fire personnel responded to a dumpster fire located in the northwest corner of the retail property at 1500 Adams Ave. Fire personnel extinguished that fire, before next responding to a fire reported at the Honda Dealership at 2888 Harbor Blvd. A small tree, as well as debris atop vegetation on the property, had been set on fire by an unknown suspect. Fire personnel extinguished both fires on the car dealership property. Later that evening, Fire personnel responded to a fire occurring to the outside of Metro Car Wash at 2950 Harbor Blvd. The car wash, which was closed at the time, had part of its outside structure on fire as Fire personnel arrived to later extinguish that fire.

The following day, Sunday, April 24th, additional fires were being set throughout the morning. At 11:30 a.m., Costa Mesa Fire personnel first responded to the business at 1520 Ponderosa Street, where the exterior of a parked, unoccupied motorhome had been set on fire. The small fire was extinguished by Fire personnel. Fire personnel next responded to the commercial property at 3030 Harbor Blvd and extinguished a small vegetation fire along landscape on the northwest portion of the property. A nearby passerby had initially thrown water on the fire, prior to Fire personnel's arrival. Fire personnel next responded to 2925 Redwood Avenue and extinguished debris that had been set on fire next to a fence. The occupied home on the property to did not suffer any damage. Residents were home during the incident. Fire personnel next responded to a large tree that had been set on fire on the Coastline Community property at 1370 Adams Ave. Shortly after Fire personnel extinguished the tree

fire and a small nearby landscape fire on the same property, Costa Mesa Arson Investigators and Costa Mesa Police Officers conducted follow up on information obtained from the prior two day's arson events. Fire and Police personnel's preliminary investigation led them to a 13-year old male Costa Mesa resident, who they located near Adams Ave and Pinecreek Drive. Based on information gathered by investigators, the boy was arrested for the related arson incidents and later booked at OC Juvenile Hall.

No further details are being released regarding this investigation. Anyone with additional information regarding the fires should contact Costa Mesa Detectives at 714-754-5637.

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