

LAS VEGAS FIRE & RESCUE  
BUREAU OF FIRE INVESTIGATIONS – BOMB SQUAD

OFFICER'S REPORT

INCIDENT TYPE: FIRE IN A BUILDING INC. #: 060207-6027949

DATE & TIME OCCURRED: FEBRUARY 7, 2006 @ 11:39 Hours EVENT #: \_\_\_\_\_

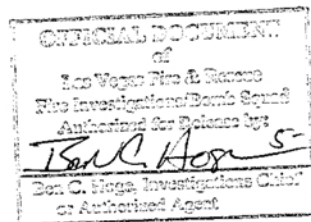
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: 418 JACKSON AV. LAS VEGAS NV. 89106

OWNER: Clay Johnson / Dedra Edmond  
6831W Mataro Dr.  
Las Vegas NV. 89130

OCCUPANT: This structure was unoccupied at the time of this fire.

RESPONDING  
PERSONNEL:

LAS VEGAS FIRE & RESCUE  
Battalion #1  
Engines #1, #201, #203  
Truck #1  
Rescue #1  
Heavy Rescue #44  
Air Resource #1  
PIO #1  
6IDA3 Investigator Ortiz  
6IDA4 Investigator Hevel



DESCRIPTION  
OF PROPERTY:

This structure is a single story multiple occupancy dwelling that is being used as a rental triplex family dwelling. This structure is built of ordinary building materials; it is protected wood frame construction with gypsum drywall interior walls and masonry concrete block exterior walls.

Robert Hevel P# 514  
OFFICER REPORTING

SIGNATURE

REVIEWED BY

February 26, 2006 @ 1330 hours  
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**SYNOPSIS:**

Investigators arrived on scene at 1245 hours, the on scene firefighters were conducting fire ground operations, extinguishment, ventilation and salvage. There were no occupants of this building, it appears that this building is vacant and boarded up in an attempt to keep people out. The firefighters found the west side door open upon their arrival.

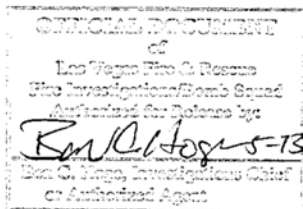
**DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE:**

The southwest rooms appeared to have the most damage caused by this fire. The contents of these two rooms were heavily affected by this fire. The adjacent living room had heavy heat and smoke damage through out. The hall way located to the north of the fire rooms and living rooms has moderate smoke and heat damage.

**INVESTIGATION:**

Fire investigators arrived on scene at approximately 1245 hours and contacted the incident commander (Battalion #1 Chief Whealan). Chief Whealan told investigators that Engine #201 (Captain Harris) was first on scene and established command. Engine #201's fire crew told investigators that they found the west side door open upon their arrival. Captain Harris told investigators that there was heavy smoke and flames coming from the south west windows of this building upon their arrival.

The entire fire scene was photographed and examined by fire investigators. The building was examined, starting with the exterior and working toward the interior. The interior was examined starting in the areas of least damage and working toward the areas of greatest damage. The fire patterns were examined in the rooms that had sustained the greatest damage. These fire patterns indicate that this fire started in the south west room ("bedroom") at or near the floor level. The remnants of this room indicate that this room had a moderate fire load contained with in its bounders. This building has no electrical power feed to it; David Blackerby of Nevada Power Company confirmed the power status. This building has many signs of transient habitation with in.



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There are several "bed/resting areas" set up in the adjacent rooms. The two bedrooms that sustained most of the damage from this fire have remnants of clothing and bedding (areas on the floor modified for sleeping areas) equipment/supplies arranged on the floor. There were signs of drug processing with open flame heat sources in the kitchen area and adjacent dining area of one of the unaffected occupancies. There were signs of drug processing with an open flame in the occupancy/apartment located furthest to the north.

CONCLUSION:

The cause of this fire is undetermined at this time pending further information. The area of origin is in the south west bedroom approximately in the middle of this room. There are remnants of bedding and clothing near this origin area. There are no electrical or heat producing appliances in the area of origin. This entire building has no electrical service. These possible accidental causes are eliminated from possible accidental scenarios. There is evidence of habitation by people in this building. There is further evidence of people smoking in this building (discarded cigarette butts, house goods modified into ash trays, etc.) There is evidence of open flame applications used to possibly process drugs, (spoons, half aluminum cans with evidence of open flame heat damage). The miss use of an open flame heat source such as this may be the accidental cause of this fire.

This building was used as a "photo back drop" for an album cover of a local rap artist. This rap artist was involved with domestic disturbance call that evolved into a barricaded suspect with a gun. The out come of this incident was the death of a Metro Officer and the death of this suspect. This fire occurred on the same day of the Officer's funeral. There is no evidence at this time that indicates that this is an arson fire and that this fire was ignited for symbolism of this prior Metro event that resulted in the two deaths.

