



BROOMFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT



Press Release Update

Type of Incident: *Arrest in Arson*
Location: *Northmoor Park - 1300 block Birch Street*
Date and Time Occurred: *Thursday, August 12, 2010*
Case Report #: *#10-4502*

Original information:

On Thursday, August 12, 2010 at approximately 9:30 p.m., North Metro Fire Rescue District and Broomfield Police responded to Northmoor Park in the 1300 block of Birch Street on an outdoor pavilion fire.

North Metro firefighters worked on the blaze that had engulfed the entire roof of the park's pavilion and all of the picnic furniture within the pavilion. While crews were successful in quickly extinguishing the blaze, the structure was not salvageable. No citizens or first responders were injured in the blaze.

UPDATE - Friday, August 20, 2010

During the last eight days following the arson, Broomfield Detectives and North Metro Fire Arson Investigators have been conducting a joint investigation into this case. During the investigation, a 13 year old Broomfield male was identified as the suspect in setting the fire. The case was presented to the 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office and a warrant was obtained for the juvenile. On Thursday, August 19, 2010, Broomfield Detectives located and arrested the juvenile on the warrant. The juvenile was lodged at the Adams County Detention Facility on the charges of 1st and 2nd Degree Arson.

The Broomfield Police Department and North Metro Fire Rescue District provide information and education to the public in a collaborative effort to reduce juvenile involvement in fire setting and arson related activities.

Arson in the United States (United States Fire Administration)

- Arson is the leading cause of fires (267,000 annually) in the United States and the second leading cause of deaths (475) and injuries (2,000); arson causes \$1.4 billion in property loss each year.
- 50% of arson fires occur outdoors, 30% in structures, and 20% in vehicles.
- **Half of all arson arrests are juveniles**

For more safety information regarding arson or juvenile arson, please contact North Metro Fire Rescue District.

This case is still under investigation. Anyone with information related to this case, please contact Detective Aron Armstrong at 303-438-6462.

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