



## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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**Date: June 2, 2010**

**From: Lt. Dave Morey**

**Subject: Suspicious Fire, Potential Arson**

**Case: 201003728**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

On June 2, 2010 at 2:19 PM Cal Fire received a 911 call from a resident on Holly Drive, McKinleyville. The caller reported seeing smoke coming from a residence at 1964 Cypress Court, McKinleyville.

Arcata Fire responded to the residence where they found the interior of the residence in flames with large amounts of smoke visible. The Arcata Fire Department was able to extinguish the fire and in doing so, located an indoor marijuana cultivation.

Further investigation determined that the cause of the fire was highly suspicious and possibly the result of Arson. At the time of this release, members of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Arcata Fire Department and the Humboldt County Arson Task Force are on scene and investigating the exact origin and cause of the fire.

The approximate 1,200 square foot single story residence has suffered significant fire and subsequent water damage. There was no one reported to be in the residence at the time of the fire and there are no injuries reported. The exact number of marijuana plants being grown at the residence is undetermined at this time or if it was a compliant 215 grow. This information will be discovered as the investigation continues.

The owners and or occupants of the residence is yet to be determined and if the fire is determined to be an Arson, suspects are unknown at the time of this release.

Update to follow as information becomes available.

Gary Philp  
Sheriff