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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (November 9, 2021) Battalion Chief Chris Cornwell, Suffolk Fire Marshal, has advised that following investigation, a 12-year old female has been charged with Arson of an Occupied Dwelling related to the arson that occurred on October 5, 2021, at a residence in the 300 block of S. Main Street in Downtown Suffolk.

The juvenile has also been charged with Arson of an Occupied Dwelling related to the fire that occurred on October 27, 2021, at Florence Bowser Elementary School.

That Media Release will also be updated separately.

Their investigations remain ongoing at this time, and additional charges are pending.

Virginia State Code prohibits law enforcement from identifying juveniles charged with a criminal offense.

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OVERNIGHT RESIDENTIAL FIRE BEING INVESTIGATED AS SUSPICIOUS

SUFFOLK, VA (October 5, 2021) Suffolk Fire & Rescue units responded early Tuesday morning, October 5, 2021, to a residence that was reported to be on fire in the 300 block of S. Main Street, in Downtown Suffolk.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 04:34 a.m. and the first unit arrived on scene at 04:38 a.m.

Battalion 1, Engine 2, Engine 1, and Rescue 1 arrived to find no smoke or fire visible from the structure but reported a disturbance on the front porch. Suffolk Police arrived with fire units and secured the scene. Once firefighters investigated, several fires were discovered in the interior of the structure. The fires were out, yet smoke was in the structure. The structure was ventilated and an investigation into the cause and origin of the fires was conducted.

No residents were displaced by the fire. The fire has been ruled suspicious and is under investigation by the Fire Marshal's Office and the Suffolk Police Department.

Responding units included Battalion 1; Engines 1, 2, 3; Ladders 3; Medic 1, Rescue 1, EMS-1, Safety 1, and Fire Marshal 4.

*No picture provided. *

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