



Saint Paul Fire Department
645 Randolph Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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Investigation Report

Case

Case Details

SPFD211201052436	Johnson, Randall	Closed	N/A
Case Number	Lead Investigator	Status	Name
Confidential	Accidental	Candles	
Confidentiality	Disposition	Fire Cause	
12/01/2021	03:48		
Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
Saint Paul Fire Department		Saint Paul Police Department	
Primary Fire Department	Secondary Fire Department	Law Enforcement	

Case Narrative

The fire department was called to the report of a dwelling fire. Firefighters arrived and found flames showing from first floor alpha side window. Firefighters evacuated the structure, extinguished the fire and conducted overhaul. Command was terminated and the scene was released.
Case Background
Case Synopsis
This report is based on presently known and available facts, data, and information.
Investigation Comments

Fire

Ignition Sequence

Candles	Bedroom - < 5 persons; included are jail or prison		
Fire Cause	Area of Origin	Equipment Power Source	Equipment Portability
Area of Origin Comments			
Candle		Fabric, fiber, cotton, blends, rayon, wool	
Heat Source		Material Ignited	
Equipment Involved In Ignition	Equipment Make	Equipment Model	Equipment Serial Number

Fire and Smoke Spread Information

Confined to room of origin	
Fire Spread Material	Fire Spread Avenue
Smoke Spread Material	Smoke Spread Avenue
Fire Comments	

Weather

		3	from the SSE
Visibility	Relative Humidity (%)	Wind Speed (Mph)	Wind Direction
37.0	0	No	
Temperature (Fahrenheit)	Precipitation	Lightning	Information Obtained From Weather
No notable weather issues.			
Weather Comments			

Property Details (1 of 1)

Property

N/A			
Name			
1213 Woodbridge Street			
Address		Apt/Suite/Room	
Saint Paul	Ramsey County	Minnesota	55117
City	County	State	Postal Code
\$99,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$7,500.00	
Pre Fire Value	Content Loss Value	Structure Loss Value	
Property Description			

Area

Structure	Urban	
Area Type	Area Description	Area Quality

Structure

	Occupied
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Property Use

Structure Occupancy

	Yes	
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Alarm Type

Smoke Detector Present

Smoke Detector Performance

None	Unknown
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Sprinkler Standpipes

Sprinkler Standpipes Performance

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Structure Length (Ft)

Structure Height (Ft)

Structure Width (Ft)

Number Of Stories

Number Of Units

Wood Frame	Type V	StructureMaterial_Wood
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Construction Type

Structure Type

Structure Material

Slab	Wood	Pitched	Asphalt
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Foundation

Exterior Covering

Roof Type

Roof Material

Fire damage isolated to front bedroom, main floor. Smoke damage throughout dwelling. Door to front bedroom was partially closed when crews arrived. Door was removed during fire attack. The main room of involvement was extremely unkept. Clothing, electronics and other materials were found everywhere. Fire started near the floor along the bravo wall, under the windows. No accelerants noted when monitoring.
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Interior Exam

Windows broken on alpha / bravo corner. Crews reported only one window broken on arrival with fire showing. Other windows broken with interior fire attack.

Exterior Exam

Alarm and Security Services

None	Yes		
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Sprinkler Standpipes

Smoke Detectors Present

Smoke Detector Locations

Fire Suppression

Closed And Locked	Closed And Locked	
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Doors

Windows

Other Entrances

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Alarm Protection/Security Comments

Witness Statement (1 of 2)

Witness Statement

Roark	Andrea	
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Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Owner/Occupant	
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Type

Employer

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Interviewed Date

Interviewed By

Interviewed By Other

1213 Woodbridge St.	
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Street 1

Street 2

Saint Paul	Minnesota	55117
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City

State

PostalCode

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Race

Date of Birth

Driver's Liscense Number

- I was home at the time of the fire. - I noticed smoke throughout the house. - I noticed fire coming from the front room. - I evacuated out the side door with my family and called 9-1-1. - I have a roommate that occasionally stays in the involved room. - He is currently at my sister's house. - The last time I saw him was around dinner time the evening prior.	- I was sleeping and my kid(s) woke me up.
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Witness Statement Comments

Witness Statement (2 of 2)

Witness Statement

Wricks	Pierre	
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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
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Occupant	
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Type	Employer
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Interviewed Date	Interviewed By	Interviewed By Other
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1213 Woodbridge St.	
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Street 1	Street 2
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Saint Paul	Minnesota	55117
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City	State	PostalCode
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Race	Date of Birth	Driver's Liscense Number
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- Pierre stays at this residence occasionally. - He stays in the room that was involved in the fire. - He was last seen at the home around dinner time the evening prior. - At the time of the fire he was apparently staying at the homeowner's sister's place. - He does not own a phone.

Witness Statement Comments

Conclusion

Case Conclusion

After examination of the fire scene, observation of fire patterns of both movement and intensity and interviews conducted, it is my opinion the fire began in the alpha side bedroom, first floor. The area of origin was at the floor level, bravo side of room. The first fuel/material ignited was most likely fabric / clothing. The ignition source was most likely a candle. The oxidant was normal atmospheric air. The action that brought these items together was an unattended candle. No accelerants noted when monitoring. The classification of fire cause is accidental. This concludes my investigation and report.

Signature

Johnson, Randall		
Lead Investigator	Signature	Date Submitted

Document Attachment List

Photo Log