



**ARLINGTON POLICE
ARLINGTON, MA**

INCIDENT # / REPORT #
13020844 / 1

OFFICER
BROWN C

RANK
PTL

REVIEW STATUS
APPROVED

INCIDENT #13020844 DATA

As Of 08/21/2013 10:23:01

BASIC INFORMATION

CASE TITLE
HOUSE FIRE

LOCATION
[REDACTED]

APT/UNIT #

DATE/TIME REPORTED
08/21/2013 06:15:59

DATE/TIME OCCURRED
08/21/2013 06:10 to 08/21/2013 07:15

INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)
(9815)FIRE INVESTIGATION

PERSONS

<u>ROLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
OWNER/OPERATOR	[REDACTED]	FEMALE	WHITE	54	[REDACTED] 1959	(HOME) [REDACTED] (CELL) [REDACTED]
	ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	ARLINGTON, MA				
INVOLVED PARTY	[REDACTED]	FEMALE	WHITE	89	[REDACTED] 1923	(HOME) [REDACTED] (CELL) [REDACTED]
	ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	ARLINGTON, MA				
INVOLVED PARTY	REILLY, BRENDAN MICHAEL	MALE	WHITE	27	06/18/1986	(HOME) 781-275-7083 (CELL) 781-835-6072
	ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	BEDFORD, MA				

[NO OFFENDERS]

[NO VEHICLES]

[NO PROPERTY]

OFFICER REPORT: 13020844 - 1 / BROWN C (3205)

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08/21/2013 07:17:54

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NARRATIVE

On Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at approximately 0615 hours, this officer while assigned to Sector Six (car 356), responded to [REDACTED] to

investigate reports of a house fire. Upon arrival with Sector Five and 357 Sgt. Gallagher and E2, E3, L1, C2 and Rescue 1, it was determined that a two family wood frame residence was on fire. It appeared that the fire was contained mostly to an enclosed porch in the rear of the residence. Brendan Reilly who does not reside at the residence told this officer that he had entered the enclosed porch of his aunts and grandmothers residence to sleep at approximately 0200. Reilly stated that he had left a candle burning on the porch while he slept. Reilly stated that at some point in the morning he believes that he rolled over on the candle setting the blanket on fire. Reilly then used the garden hose to partially extinguish the fire prior to Fire Personal arrival. Inspector Foley arrived on scene and took over the investigation. Lt. Brian Gerra of Arlington Fire, who is the Arson Investigator was also on scene.

REPORT OFFICERS

Reporting Officer:	BROWN C	3205
Reviewing Officer:		
Approving Officer:	KERR R	2447



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[NO PROPERTY]

OFFICER REPORT: 13020844 - 2 / FOLEY G (3999)

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08/21/2013 08:10:41

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SUPPLEMENT

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NARRATIVE

Report of Inspector Greg Foley
Arlington Police Department

Criminal Investigations Bureau
Wednesday, August 21st, 2013

On Wednesday, August 21st, 2013 at approximately 0650 hrs. I was contacted by Lt. Kerr and asked to respond to [REDACTED] for a Fire Investigation. I arrived at approximately 0708 hrs. and was met by Sgt. Gallagher and he showed me the site of the fire which was contained to a rear porch area of the residence. I spoke to the home owners Ms. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] 23) who lives on the second floor and Ms. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] 59) who lives on the first floor. During my conversation they both stated that they woke up to a lot of smoke and exited the house for safety. They also stated that they had no idea that their nephew and grandson Brendan Reilly (06/18/86) had spent the night on the rear porch and may have caused the fire.

At this time Sgt. Gallagher and I went and spoke to Mr. Reilly on the sidewalk in front of [REDACTED] in regards to this investigation. At this time I read Mr. Reilly his Miranda Rights from a card and he stated that he understood and wanted to assist in my investigation. I asked Mr. Reilly if he was willing to walk to the rear of the residence and explain how the fire got started and he agreed. As we walked into the rear yard Mr. Reilly stated that he arrived this morning at approximately 0300 hrs. at his Grandmother's house and was looking for a place to sleep. Mr. Reilly stated that he walked up onto the unlocked rear porch and placed his cd Walkman and headphones on a chair and walked over to a bureau that was also on the deck and removed a blanket. Mr. Reilly then stated that there were a couple of candles on the deck so he lit two of them to give him some light. Mr. Reilly stated that he then wrapped himself up in the blanket and went to sleep. Mr. Reilly stated that the next thing he remembers is waking up to the blanket and porch vinyl siding being on fire. Mr. Reilly stated that he jumped up half dressed and ran out to the rear yard to get a garden hose to extinguish the fire. Mr. Reilly stated that he thought he could put out the fire on the porch with the hose and made no attempts to alert anyone inside the residence. Mr. Reilly was in the process of attempting to extinguish the fire when members of the Arlington Fire Department arrived on scene and took over.

At this time Mr. Reilly stated that he stayed here last night because he is not allowed at his parents residence in Bedford, Ma. due to family fighting. I asked Mr. Reilly how often he stays on the rear porch of his Grandmother house and he stated a couple of times a year. At this time Mr. Reilly stated that he does not know where he will go in the future but it won't be his grandmothers or his parents house. I advised Mr. Reilly that I may need to get in touch with him again and he provided me with his cell phone number (781)835-6078. Mr. Reilly stated that he may stay at 240

Albany Street Shelter in Cambridge tonight.

It appears from statements made by Mr. Reilly and from the physical evidence located on the rear porch that it does not appear to be intentionally set fire. The fire appears to be caused by Mr. Reilly neglecting to properly extinguish or care for the two lit candles before falling asleep.

At 1000 hrs. Bedford Police Detective Karen DiNeen called and requested a copy of the report from [REDACTED] due to the fact that the parents and police were conducting a Section 12 on Brendan Reilly.

REPORT OFFICERS

Reporting Officer:	FOLEY G	3999
Reviewing Officer:		
Approving Officer:	SHEEHAN M	5044