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## Owner of Grand Terrace roller-skating rink found fatally shot inside business

Jonah Valdez, San Bernardino County Sun

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Ryan Harsany, 43, of Brawley, owner of Cal Skate Grand Terrace, a skating rink, was found shot and killed inside his business Saturday, March 16, 2019. Ryan (left) is pictured with his brother, Brian Harsany, (right) who is a police officer in Brawley. (Courtesy of Brian Harsany)

The owner of a roller-skating rink in Grand Terrace was found fatally shot inside the business early Saturday. It was the same rink the victim used to skate at with his brother while they were growing up.

Deputies were responding to a robbery call at Cal Skate Grand Terrace just before 2 a.m. when they found Ryan Harsany, 43, of Brawley inside the building unconscious with several gunshot wounds, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department said in a statement.

Smoke was rising from the building when deputies initially arrived. They alerted **San Bernardino County Fire** Department crews, which extinguished two small fires in the rink, located on 22080 Commerce Way, said Tracey Martinez, spokeswoman for the department. Firefighters and deputies pulled Harsany out of the building and transported him to a local hospital. He was pronounced dead at 7:26 a.m.

According to his twin brother Brian Harsany, Ryan Harsany was the owner of Cal Skate Grand Terrace. Ryan Harsany's Facebook profile said he also owned Inferno, a restaurant in Brawley, a city in Imperial County.

Brian, a police officer in Brawley, said the brothers were raised in Grand Terrace for 20 years and were regulars at Cal Skate Grand Terrace.

"We lived at the rink. It was our place to hang out with friends and skate around to awesome 80's music," he said. "This is truly the hardest day of my life. I still can't process the evil that was done to my brother. I see it daily in my line of work as a police officer, yet never thought it would touch me or my family and now it has.

I just want whoever did this to my brother to be brought to justice and pay for what happened to my brother." Ryan Harsany was remembered and honored in a litany of social media posts from friends and business associates.

"We were his derby girls and he was our champion," wrote the IE Derby Girls, a local women's roller derby league on its Facebook page Saturday. "Ryan Harsany, you taught us so much in the short time we had with you. Your smile lit up a room and your laughter was infectious. As the rink grew in leaps and bounds, we asked, what was the secret sauce? You simply stated 'It's all because of the love.' We will keep that with us. We skate for you."

Authorities did not immediately release information about possible suspects or a possible motive for the shooting.

The incident came more than four years after a security officer at the rink, Richard Williamson, was fatally shot there while working at a New Year's party.

Anyone with information regarding Saturday's incident was urged to contact the sheriff's Specialized Investigations Division, Detective Max Kunzman at (909) 387-3589 or Sheriff's dispatch at (909) 387-8313. Callers can remain anonymous and contact We-Tip at (800)78-CRIME or [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com).

<https://www.sbsun.com/2019/03/16/owner-of-grand-terrace-roller-skating-rink-found-fatally-shot-inside-business/>

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## **Truck fire sparks I-15 SigAlert Saturday**

**Paola Baker, Daily Press**

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Firefighters work to knock down a fire that engulfed a tractor-trailer on northbound I-15 in the Cajon Pass Saturday. The fire prompted a freeway closure that morning, causing major traffic delays. [Photo courtesy of the San Bernardino Fire Department]

**CAJON PASS** — A tractor-trailer engulfed in flames prompted a closure on northbound Interstate 15 early Saturday morning.

California Highway Patrol logs show a SigAlert was issued for northbound I-15 between Highway 138 and Oak Hill Road shortly after the tractor-trailer caught fire at 5:51 a.m. Saturday.

**San Bernardino County Fire** Department crews were dispatched and found the tractor-trailer, which was loaded with dry goods, well involved in flames, according to Cpt. Jeff Allen.

County Fire sent out two paramedic fire engines, a water tender and a battalion chief to respond to the fire. They were assisted with an engine and chief officer from CalFire. The fire was knocked down just after 6:30 a.m, Allen said.

Officials closed off all northbound I-15 lanes temporarily to allow crews to put the fire out and clear the scene. The No. 1 and No. 2 lanes were opened up at around 7:15 a.m. All lanes were reported to be open by 10 am, according to CHP logs, but traffic was backed up for several miles most of the morning.

“We appreciate the patience of drivers this morning while we worked to protect life and property on the interstate,” Allen said.

No one was injured in the fire, which remains under investigation.

<https://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20190316/truck-fire-sparks-i-15-sigalert-saturday>

## Semi fire on NB 15 freeway causes major delays in Cajon Pass Saturday morning

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

Posted: March 16, 2019



(Photo: Rene Moyers)

CAJON PASS, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A tractor-trailer fire in the Cajon Pass is causing major delays on the northbound I-15 freeway Saturday morning.

At about 5:48 am, **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to reports of a truck fire on the I-15, just south of Oak Hill Road.

Fire crews arrived on scene and found a fully engulfed tractor-trailer parked on the right shoulder.

California Highway Patrol incident logs reported the driver of the 18-wheeler was out of the truck.

Firefighters required all lanes but one to be shutdown while they worked to fight the flames.

Crews had the fire knocked down by 6:22 am, but would remain on scene to conduct overhaul on the trailer. The trailer was reported to contain dry goods and did not pose any type of hazmat threat.

Traffic in the area is backed up for several miles. According to CHP logs, the no. 1 and no. 2 lanes were reopened at 7:15 am.

No injuries have been reported.

<https://www.vvng.com/semi-fire-on-nb-15-freeway-causes-major-delays-in-cajon-pass-saturday-morning/>

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## Four injured in I-15 crash

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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California Highway Patrol officials work to clear the scene of a multi-vehicle crash on southbound I-15 in Hesperia on Saturday afternoon. Officials said four people were hurt, with three flown out to local trauma centers. [Jose Huerta, For the Daily Press]

HESPERIA — Authorities treated four people hurt in a multi-vehicle crash on Interstate 15 on Saturday afternoon.

**San Bernardino County Fire** Department officials said three medical helicopters were needed to respond after the crash occurred on southbound I-15, between Rancho and Oak Hill roads, just after 2 p.m. Saturday.

Specifics on how the crash occurred are still unknown, but California Highway Patrol logs showed six vehicles were ultimately involved, with one described as being “smashed against the center divider.”

Officials arrived and found all involved vehicles with “major damage,” according to CHP logs. An extrication was requested for three people trapped inside a white sedan, said County Fire Cpt. Jeff Allen.

“This was a challenging extrication for our crews using hydraulic spreaders and cutters,” Allen said. “It took approximately 20 minutes for all three patients to ultimately be freed from the wreckage.”

The three were “critically injured,” Allen said, and were flown out to trauma centers for treatment. A fourth injured person was taken to a local hospital.

The crash shut down southbound I-15 lanes for about an hour as officials worked to treat the injured persons and clear the roadway. Traffic was already heavy after an early morning SigAlert sparked by a truck fire.

All southbound I-15 lanes were reported to be open just after 4 p.m. The crash remains under investigation.

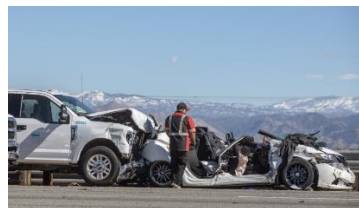
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## **I-15 reopens after 3 helicopters land on freeway following major crash in Hesperia**

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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Firefighters used the jaws of life to extricate three people from the mangled sedan. (Hugo C. Valdez, Victor Valley News)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Interstate 15 reopened after it was shut down for three medical helicopters to land on the freeway following a multi-vehicle crash on Saturday.

It happened at about 2:08 pm, on March 16, 2019, on the southbound I-15, between Rancho and Oak Hill Road.

**San Bernardino County Firefighters** responded to the scene and located three pickup trucks with major damage and a white sedan wedged between two of the trucks. The fifth vehicle, a red Toyota Camry was also stopped nearby.

Three occupants inside a mangled white sedan were trapped and required extrication. Firefighters used the jaws of life and cut the roof off from the vehicle. Due to their injuries, firefighters requested three air ambulances to land at the scene.

CHP shutdown the SB I-15 freeway for approximately one hour as first responders treated the patients.

One of the involved vehicles was able to exit the freeway and waited for CHP officers at a nearby gas station.

According to the California Highway Patrol incident logs, a total of six vehicles were involved and four people injured in the crash were transported.

The official cause of the crash remains under investigation by the Victorville CHP Station.

<https://www.vvng.com/i-15-reopens-after-3-helicopters-land-on-freeway-following-major-crash-in-hesperia/>

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## **2 Nearby Homes in San Bernardino Burn Within the Same Hour**

Lauren Lyster and Kristina Bravo, KTLA 5 News

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Nobody sustained any injuries after flames swallowed two San Bernardino homes about a mile of each other in the early hours of Saturday, officials said.

Firefighters first responded to a report of a vegetation fire in the 4100 block of North Fourth Avenue just before 2 a.m., said Josh Sprague, battalion chief with the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

That blaze turned out to be at an abandoned home that still had electricity, Sprague told KTLA. Witness accounts and the condition inside the property led the Fire Department to believe squatters might have been staying there, but no injuries were reported.

As additional units arrived at the scene, crews were alerted to another house fire in the 400 block of West 40th Street, Sprague said. The agency diverted some resources to the second incident.

Three adults, two teenagers and a dog managed to escape unscathed before flames completely destroyed the 1,200-square-foot residence, the Fire Department said.

One of the residents, Trevor Jones, said his dog had woken him up. When he opened the bedroom door, Jones saw flames coming out of the wall.

The father said he immediately grabbed and deployed a fire extinguisher.

"It calmed [the flames] down for a second and then they instantly came at me like they were angry," Jones told KTLA. "At that point I'm yelling, 'Everybody get out! Get out!'"

He said had had to return inside to get his puppy.

Firefighters were able to contain the blaze and prevent it from spreading to nearby properties, the agency said.

An electrical outlet accidentally sparked that fire, officials later determined. While they did not find anything suspicious about that incident, investigators said they were dubious about what caused the first blaze.

The early morning fires occurred as the area experienced gusty winds.

Authorities provided no further information.

<https://ktla.com/2019/03/16/san-bernardino-homes-catch-fire/>

## Animals lost in Oak Glen Mountain Town Museum fire

Staff Writer, Inland News Today

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OAK GLEN – (INT) – Damage is extensive in the wake of Thursday’s fire at the Mountain Town Animal Museum.

Wind fanned the flames resulting in a third alarm that brought fire fighters from as far away as Yucaipa and Redlands.

After the flames were doused, the owners of the museum said that 14 of the 32 animals were rescued. The others perished. Among the survivors were two geese, six water turtles and six parrots.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department is investigating cause of the fire.

<http://www.inlandnewstoday.com/story.php?s=54095>