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Crews in San Bernardino took less than a half-hour Tuesday to put out a small brush fire.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department said personnel arrived at the scene of the vegetation fire just before 7 p.m. The half-acre fire was at Perris Hill Park near where Perris Hill Park Road meets 21st Street.

Officials said the fire was spreading at a slow rate with no threat to surrounding structures. The department said the fire's forward progress stopped at around 7:20 p.m., and crews remained on-scene to mop up.

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Search for 6-year-old Duke Flores will resume Wednesday at Victorville landfill

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Trash is dumped atop the San Bernardino County landfill north of Victorville Tuesday April 30, 2019. Jackee Contreras, the mother of Duke Flores, 6, and her sister Jennifer Contreras were both charged with the murder of Flores, with bail set at \$1 million for each. Law enforcement believe the boy's body may be in the San Bernardino County landfill just north of Victorville and are actively searching the area. (Photo by Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

Volunteers and San Bernardino County sheriff's search and rescue teams scoured the San Bernardino County landfill in Victorville again Tuesday, April 30, searching for the body of 6-year-old Duke Flores of Apple Valley.

The search ended at 5 p.m. and will resume Wednesday morning, a sheriff's statement said.

Flores' mother, Jackee Raquel Contreras, and her twin sister, Jennifer Rachel Contreras, both 29, were in court the same day and pleaded not guilty to murder charges.

"Homicide detectives, 19 sheriff's department volunteers, two search dogs, 15 additional sheriff's department employees and personnel from the landfill will continue to sift through material in hopes of finding him," according to a statement from the sheriff's department.

Authorities focused their efforts on one area — 70 feet by 70 feet by 10 feet in depth, looking through approximately 1,200 tons of material from the massive landfill, according to the sheriff's statement.

On Tuesday, a **San Bernardino County Fire** and a Hazardous Material truck could be seen atop the large pyramid-like structure at the landfill. A person in a bulldozer continued to move trash in an area behind the emergency vehicles, but it wasn't clear if that was the specific area being searched

A steady stream of large trash trucks continued to drop off refuse Tuesday at the landfill, as detectives and searchers sifted through the garbage for any sign of the boy.

A motive in Duke's death has not released.

On Saturday, deputies announced the arrest of the mother and the aunt after the boy had not been seen for at least two weeks. The women pleaded not guilty in court Tuesday and remain in custody in lieu of \$1 million bail.

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