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Woman and two children escape as ex-boyfriend allegedly burns down her house in Fontana on Halloween night

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A woman and her two children escaped unharmed while her 30-year-old ex-boyfriend allegedly burned down her house in Fontana on Halloween night, according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

On Oct. 31 at 11:42 p.m., deputies from the Fontana Sheriff's Station received a 9-1-1 call from the victim, who lived in the 9800 block of Arbor Avenue.

The victim reported her ex-boyfriend, Marlon Castro, had allegedly broken into her residence while she was inside with her children. Castro was angry at the victim and allegedly threatened to burn down her home.

The victim was able to grab her children and leave the residence and as she drove off, she saw a large amount of thick, black smoke coming from her residence.

Deputies responded and found the residence completely engulfed in flames and high winds in the area. Deputies cleared the area and looked for potential victims inside the residence. The fire was extinguished by the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, but the residence was destroyed.

Deputies conducted a search for Castro with the assistance of Sheriff's Aviation but were not able to locate him. Investigators continued to interview witnesses and residents in the area in an effort to develop leads for Castro.

Then on Nov. 2 at about 11:23 a.m., Castro was seen near the crime scene and taken into custody without further incident. He was transported and booked at West Valley Detention Center on charges of residential burglary, criminal threats and arson.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact investigators at the Fontana Sheriff's Station. Callers wishing to remain anonymous are urged to call the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463) or leave information on the We-Tip website at www.wetip.com.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/woman-and-two-children-escape-as-ex-boyfriend-allegedly-burns/article_d0758b58-ffe5-11e9-8be0-8fad7f5725f4.html

2 houses burn in community southwest of Lake Arrowhead

Robert Gundran, San Bernardino Sun

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Fire crews responded Monday to residential fires on the 1200 block of Scenic Way, just southwest of Lake Arrowhead. (Photo courtesy of the San Bernardino County Fire Department)

A structure fire broke out Monday evening near Twin Peaks, just southwest of Lake Arrowhead in the San Bernardino Mountains, and the surrounding vegetation and other structures were threatened.

Crews with the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department were dispatched to a neighborhood in the 1200 block of Scenic Way, in the unincorporated community of Rimforest, just after 7:20 p.m. in response to a structure fire.

Two houses were affected by the fire, according to San Bernardino County Fire Department spokesman Ryan Vaccaro.

Vaccaro said nobody was injured in the fire or treated by medical personnel at the scene.

He noted there was a threat to surrounding vegetation while the fire was active; and crews from Cal Fire's San Bernardino Unit and the San Bernardino National Forest assisted in containing the fire.

Officials said the fire was put out at around 10:30 p.m., and that personnel at the scene would remain there throughout the night to mop up and make sure the fire didn't flare back up.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2019/11/04/2-structures-burn-in-unincorporated-community-southwest-of-lake-arrowhead/>

House Fire Damages Redlands Home

Nick Garber, Patch.com

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REDLANDS, CA — A structure fire broke out inside a home Sunday night on the 900 block of East Brockton Avenue, causing significant damage and causing one woman to be treated for smoke inhalation.

Firefighters responded to the fire just before 9:30 p.m. Sunday, and found heavy smoke and fire coming from the rear of the home, according to the Redlands Fire Department.

A family inside the home escaped safely before firefighters arrived, but one woman complained of possible smoke inhalation. She was treated at the scene and declined to be hospitalized, the fire department said Monday.

With help from the **San Bernardino County Fire** department, fire crews extinguished the fire in about 25 minutes and stayed at the scene for another two hours and 45 minutes.

Damage to the home was estimated at \$250,000, with another \$35,000 in damage to the home's contents, the fire department said. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

<https://patch.com/california/redlands/house-fire-damages-redlands-home>

Young man's body is found at park in Fontana

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A young man's body was found at a park in Fontana on Nov. 3, according to the Fontana Police Department.

At about 6:09 a.m., Fontana Police Dispatch received a 911 call advising that a person needed medical aid at Bill Martin Park, located at 7881 Juniper Avenue.

Officers and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department medics arrived and located a deceased 19-year-old man.

Based on the evidence at the scene, the man was not believed to be a victim of a crime.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff Coroner's Division took possession of the body. No official cause of death has yet been announced.

Emmeline Contreras said she was the sister of the man and said a GoFundMe page has been established to help pay for funeral expenses. The page is located at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ykbqnq-rest-in-peace-bryan>

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/young-man-s-body-is-found-at-park-in-fontana/article_8f1b0742-ff35-11e9-9a4b-9b672fa00996.html

Wildfires in California prompt state of emergency

Sarah Adamo, The Signal

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California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced a statewide emergency on Oct. 27, due to the wildfires that have displaced almost 200,000 residents, according to The Associated Press.

The state's largest utility left millions of other residents in the dark by shutting down its transmissions of electricity to prevent fires from spreading to other areas. The Associated Press reported that the largest of the infernos, the Kincade Fire, has been raging for days in northern California.

According to The Associated Press, only 70 percent of the fire — referred to as the "Tick Fire" — could be extinguished by Oct. 27, and while it was fully contained by Thursday, Oct. 31, its longevity reinforces the gravity of the dangers that wildfires pose to California.

Wildfires are nothing new in California, but lately, they have interfered with daily life. The Associated Press reported that traffic was stopped on an Interstate bridge in the San Francisco Bay Area by two grass fires that also threatened houses in nearby Vallejo. Farther south, another fire emerged in the Santa Clarita area near Los Angeles and ravaged 18 structures.

Later in the week, new revelations confirmed that the battle against Californian wildfires is far from over. As of Thursday, Oct. 31, residents in the San Bernardino area were instructed to leave their houses in the early morning because of a brush fire that soon spanned 200 acres in size, according to The New York Times.

The dangerously high winds are to blame for the quick dissemination of the fire, as with the other flames in the state, according to The New York Times. The blaze has been particularly hard to suppress due to dry conditions and low humidity. Spokesman Chris Prater of the **county's fire department** named it the "Hillside fire."

Another fire on Thursday, Oct. 31, was sparked southwest of San Bernardino, which required the displacement of another 2,000 residents. The New York Times reported that based on statements from Jeff LaRusso, a spokesman from the Riverside County Fire Department, 300 firefighters were needed to respond to that incident alone.

"We're hitting it (the fire) with both rotary and fixed-wing wing (sic) aircraft," LaRusso said of the situation, according to The New York Times.

Preceding these infernos, CBS News reported that the Getty Fire, named as such because of its proximity to the Getty Center of Los Angeles, started on Oct. 28.

The blaze known as the "Easy Fire" demanded over a thousand on-scene firefighters, CBS News reported. The fire started before dawn on Oct. 30. Winds of 70 mph only perpetuated the problem. A barn was consumed, but volunteers were able to save many animals from the burning structure.

The Los Angeles Times reported that 12 homes were set ablaze and the fire has yet to be extinguished entirely, as it covered 745 acres at its pinnacle. For fires such as these, utility equipment is suspected to be at fault, according to The New York Times.

However, even after the fires are extinguished, the devastation in their wake serves as a reminder of the climate change that plagues the world. According to CBS News, a new study from the journal "Earth's Future" showed that due to climate change, California's yearly wildfire extent has risen to five times since that of the early 1970s.

The researchers wrote that "this trend was mainly due to an eightfold increase in summertime forest-fire area and was very likely driven by drying of fuels promoted by human-induced warming," according to CBS News.

<http://www.tcnjsignal.net/2019/11/04/wildfires-in-california-prompt-state-of-emergency/>

Motorcyclist airlifted to hospital after crash with pick-up truck in Victorville

Hugo Valdez, Victor Valley News

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VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A motorcyclist was flown to a trauma center after crashing with a pick-up truck Monday night.

It happened at about 5:40 pm at the intersection of Balsam Road and Little Beaver Street in Victorville.

Deputies along with emergency personnel arrived on scene and found the rider down on the ground next to a motorcycle. Also at the scene is a Dodge Ram pickup truck with front-end damage.

Victorville City Firefighters requested a helicopter to land at Desert Valley Hospital and airlift the rider to a trauma center. **Reach helicopter H325** subsequently flew the patient to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

Deputies are currently detouring traffic around the crash while deputies investigate the crash.

Details on the type of bike or information on the rider were not available at the time this article was written.

Additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://www.vvng.com/motorcyclist-airlifted-to-hospital-after-crash-with-pick-up-truck-in-victorville/>