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VICTORVILLE — A man was injured after allegedly setting a fire at a behavioral health center here early Tuesday.

Reported just before 10 a.m. Tuesday, the fire erupted at a building in the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Victor Valley Behavioral Health Center, located at 12625 Hesperia Road. The center was evacuated due to the blaze, officials said.

According to scanner traffic, the person was a patient at the center who set a restroom on fire. Victorville Sheriff's Station spokeswoman Mara Rodriguez identified him as Sean Eugene Flores, 25, of Victorville.

Rodriguez said Flores set the fire after he was "reportedly unhappy with the result of his visit" to the center. "Flores entered a restroom at the facility and lit himself and a paper dispenser on fire, as well as purposely damaging the smoke sensor," Rodriguez said.

San Bernardino County Fire Department spokesman Eric Sherwin said firefighters were dispatched to the center at 9:55 a.m. after receiving reports of a commercial structure fire there.

Firefighters arrived and found smoke and fire in one room, which they were able to quickly contain, Sherwin said.

was reportedly injured and was taken to a local hospital for treatment. Rodriguez said he was then arrested on suspicion of arson.

County Fire personnel directed the center's staff to evacuate the building due to the blaze. DBH spokeswoman Aimara Freeman said all clients in the building were moved to the center's clubhouse building, located next door.

"Staff is still there but they are calling clients right now to reschedule appointments," Freeman said. "There are no clients at the building right now." She said business should resume as usual Wednesday.

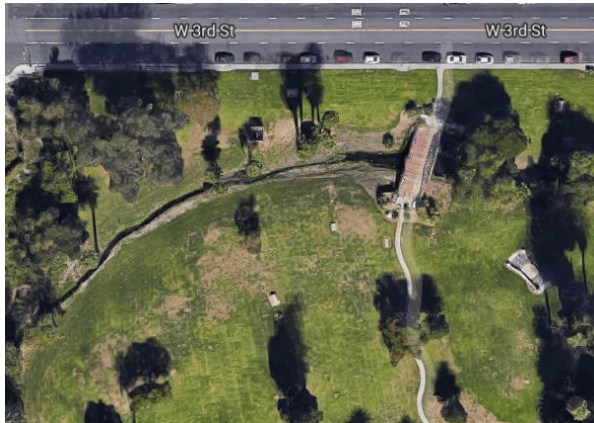
Flores remained in custody at the High Desert Detention Center in lieu of \$250,000 bail, booking records show, and was expected to appear in court Thursday.

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Transient accused of setting fire to Meadowbrook Park Bridge in San Bernardino

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San Bernardino Police officers arrested a man they spotted walking away from a burning bridge in a San Bernardino park.

San Bernardino police officers were at the right place at the right time Tuesday morning when they arrested a man authorities say set a bridge at Meadowbrook Park on fire.

“Officers were in the area at 4:17 this morning and saw smoke and fire and a subject was walking away,” said Lt. Mike Madden on Tuesday.

The officers detained the man, later identified as Santana Ursua, 31, and then called **San Bernardino County Fire** to extinguish the flames.

Ursua, who Madden described as a transient, was arrested on suspicion of arson and for an outstanding no-bail warrant.

The fire caused substantial damage to the pedestrian bridge, which stretches over a waterway in Meadowbrook Park at Second Street and Sierra Way. The San Bernardino Superior courthouse overlooks the park.

The fire may have caused significant damage to the bridge, said Madden, adding that structural engineers were at the park Tuesday morning assessing its integrity.

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