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Firefighters extinguished a fire which erupted in a condominium complex in Fontana on April 29. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

San Bernardino County firefighters battled a pickup truck fire at a condominium complex in the 16500 block of Terrace Lane in Fontana on April 29.

At about 11:46 p.m., firefighters arrived on scene and found a Dodge Ram pickup truck that was fully engulfed in flames.

Firefighters used a foam substance to battle the fire due to a large fuel leak from the pickup. Foam was also used to extinguish flames from the fuel that was flowing through the parking area.

At least two other cars were damaged due to the fire. There were no reports of injuries.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department was investigating the incident.


Suspect is arrested for allegedly stabbing a family member in Fontana on April 29
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A suspect was arrested for allegedly stabbing a family member in Fontana on April 29, according to the Fontana Police Department.

Shortly before 1 p.m., Fontana Police Dispatch received a 911 call regarding a family disturbance in the 17700 block of Malaga Drive.

Officers responded and discovered the suspect, Pilar Rodriguez, 39, allegedly stabbed a family member during a heated argument.

The family member received non-life threatening wounds and was treated by San Bernardino County Fire/Medics on scene.

Pilar was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and booked at West Valley Detention Center.

TWENTYNINE PALMS — An investigation is continuing into a house fire that killed 67-year-old Helen Garrett here Friday afternoon, April 24, in the 74500 block of Baseline Road near North Star.

Battalion Chief Donnie Viloria along with county fire engines from Twentynine Palms and Joshua Tree and an engine from the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center all responded to the blaze a little after 3 p.m.

Arriving firefighters, Viloria said, were met with heavy smoke billowing out of a window in front of the house and responded with an aggressive fire attack.

Although the house looked as if it were abandoned, firefighters were told that someone was trapped inside.

Crews entering the structure, he said, found Garrett unconscious and unresponsive.

She was loaded into the back of an ambulance, where paramedics were unable to resuscitate her and she was pronounced dead on the scene.

The fire was brought under control in 10 minutes with damage confined to a multipurpose room where it originated.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Hours later, a fire at an abandoned house in the 7900 block of Valle Vista was a total loss but resulted in no injuries early Saturday morning, Viloria said.

Firefighters from Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree and the combat center were called to the 900-square-foot structure at 1:30 a.m. Viloria said.

The house, he said, burned “to the ground.”