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**County Executive John R. Leopold, Police Chief Colonel James Teare, Sr. and
Fire Chief John Robert Ray Hold Press Conference to Announce
Developments in Odenton Arson**

On June 3, 2009, at approximately 3:15 a.m., Anne Arundel County Fire and Police personnel responded to the 2600 block of Lotuswood Court in Odenton for a report of arson.

Upon arrival, police and fire department personnel spoke with the occupants of the home, who reported a loud bang and discovered that the front of their house was on fire. Witnesses heard a vehicle speed from the scene. There were no reported injuries to the occupants of the residence.

UPDATE:

Through the investigation into the homicide of Christopher Jones, the name of the juvenile victim in the recent firebombing incident in Odenton surfaced. Members of the Anne Arundel County Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division interviewed the victim in the firebombing case, in reference to the Jones homicide, and determined that the victim was not a part of a gang; however, a nexus was established between the two incidents.

The Anne Arundel County Police Department investigated this case in conjunction with fire investigators from the Anne Arundel County Fire Department. Fire investigators worked closely with members of the police department's Criminal Investigations Division, Western District Detectives, the Special Enforcement Section and the community. As a result, several possible suspects were identified.

In the late evening hours of June 9, 2009, and the early hours of June 10, 2009, four suspects were identified and apprehended. The suspects are as follows:

- 1.)Jonathan Richard Myers, 22, of the 1100 block of Soho Court, Crofton, Md
- 2.)A 16-year-old juvenile male from Crofton
- 3.)A 15-year-old juvenile male from Crofton
- 4.)A 16-year-old juvenile male from Gambrills

All of the suspects were charged with 1st Degree Arson, Malicious Burning in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit 1st Degree Arson and 3 Counts of Reckless Endangerment.

“This is a fine example of investigative work by the police and fire department and Chief Teare and Chief Ray should be commended, County Executive John R. Leopold said. “I also want to thank the community for providing crucial tips in this case. We will continue our aggressive efforts to stop youth violence.”

Once again, it is important to note that the investigation to date revealed the victim of the firebombing is not gang affiliated; however, the suspects who committed the offense have ties to DMI (Dead Man Incorporated), TNT (The New Threat) and are associates of TNT.

“The collaborative efforts of both the police and fire departments are the reason that arrests were made in this case, said Chief of Police Colonel James Teare, Sr. “This investigation is ongoing and the police department will continue to take measures to combat gang-related activity in the community.”

At this time, we believe the motive stems from the juvenile victim in the firebombing incident and the victim’s alleged connection to TNT. We want to stress that the investigation into these cases and related gang activity is ongoing. We would like to thank the community involvement and the cooperation between police and fire investigators. It is a credit to their tireless efforts that these arrests were made.

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