



# Incident/Investigation Report

Huntington Beach Police Department

Case Number: 2022-002460

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## Incident Information

Date/Time Reported 02/25/2022 08:53	Date/Time Occurred 02/25/2022 08:53	Date/Time Discovered 02/25/2022 08:53	Officer (422096) SERRANO HERNANDEZ, ALDO
Incident Location 7622 WARNER AV, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647		Supervising Officer (421005) ARCHER, THOBY	
Location Comments		Beat 6	Reporting District 272
Case Status	Disposition	BWC / Digital Evidence YES	

## Charges

<b>1</b>	Charge Type State	Description ARSON:STRUCTURE/FOREST LAND	Statute 451 (C) PC	UCR 200	<input type="checkbox"/> Att <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Com
Alcohol, Drugs or Computers Used <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Computers		Location Type OTHER/UNKNOWN	Premises Entered	Forced Entry <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Weapons 1.
Entry	Exit	Criminal Activity			2.
Bias Motivation		Bias Target	Bias Circumstances		3.
					Hate Group

## Victims

Seq. # <b>1</b>	Type INDIVIDUAL	Injuries None	Victim of Crimes 1		
Name (Last, First, M) CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH			Race	Sex	DOB Age 00
Height	Weight	Hair	Eye	Ethnicity	SSN
Home Phone		Cell Phone		Business Phone	
Address				Huntington Beach Resident	
Employer Name/Address				Occupation	
Email					



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### Notes/Narratives

On 2/25/2022 at approximately hours, I was working uniformed patrol partnered with Officer Valdez #1184 when we responded to 7622 Warner Ave. regarding a fire. The reporting party (later identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] reported a building on fire next to an abandoned church on Nichols Ln. [REDACTED] additionally stated he overheard a male talking "crazy" last night and yelling about a fire today.

I activated my Huntington Beach Police Department-issued body-worn camera. This report contains a summary of my contact with all parties involved. For exact quotes, refer to my BWC, which I uploaded later to Evidence.com.

Upon arrival, I saw a large amount of black smoke coming from the southeast corner of Warner Ave. and Nichols Ln. As I approached the area, I immediately saw an abandoned building with excessive flames coming from it. The fire spread to nearby shrubs and grass.

Huntington Beach Fire Department arrived on the scene and exterminated the fire.

The abandoned building, which was approximately 1,500 square feet, was located inside a fenced area approximately 85 yards in length by 55 yards in width along the southeast corner of the intersection. The abandoned building was directly next to an abandoned church. The church and building were surrounded by various cacti, shrubs, grass, and a few sheds.

I contacted the reporting party ([REDACTED]) who told me the following;

[REDACTED] stated he had seen a male who frequently camps in a shed inside the fenced area. He informed me the male has camped in the area for approximately 6 months. [REDACTED] stated the male has walked up and down Emerald Ln. yelling incoherent statements over the past few days.

[REDACTED] stated on 2/25/2022 at approximately 0200 hours, he saw the male walk on Emerald Ln., knock on a residence door, and yell aggressive incoherent statements in Spanish. He informed me he saw the male from his bedroom window, which is located on the south side of [REDACTED] and went back to bed shortly after.

[REDACTED] informed me he heard the same male yelling at 0500 hours (2/25/2022) however, he did not bother to get up from his bed to see what the male was doing. [REDACTED] stated at approximately 0855 hours (2/25/2022), he heard the male yell out, "Oh, there's a fire." He informed me he saw the same male walk south on Emerald Ln. from the direction of the abandoned lot from his upstairs window, approximately fifty feet away.

[REDACTED] told me immediately walked to his parent's bedroom window and saw the building burning on the



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southeast corner of the fenced area next to the church on fire. It should be noted, [REDACTED] directed me to his parent's bedroom window, which is located [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] described the male as a Hispanic male, approximately 45 years of age, 5'07", 160-180 pounds, with black hair, wearing all black clothing, and carrying a black backpack. He informed me he would be able to identify the male if he saw him again, which he has seen approximately five times. [REDACTED] told me has not seen any other individual in this abandoned lot.

Officer Valdez asked [REDACTED] to direct us towards the area where the male was seen when he looked out the window when the fire occurred. [REDACTED] was unsure where the opening to the fence was but stated he has seen the same male enter and exit the abandoned lot in the same vicinity. I concluded my interview with [REDACTED] and asked no further questions.

After speaking to [REDACTED] I attempted to locate video surveillance of the incident. I saw there were cameras located at [REDACTED] however, I was unable to contact the residence at the time of this report.

I searched the chain link fence and saw an opening approximately 3 feet in length and 2 feet in width. The opening was located along the east side, approximately 20 yards north of Belsito Dr. I additionally saw a second smaller opening at the bottom of the chain link approximately 45-55 yards north of Belsito Dr. I took photos of the larger opening on my department-issued cell phone and later uploaded the photos onto Evidence.com for further viewing.

Huntington Beach Fire Department Arson Investigator Gale (Investigator 16) arrived on the scene and told me the following;

Investigator Gale stated the building has been abandoned for approximately 20 years. Investigator Gale said he classified the arson case as undetermined due to the fact the building structure was compromised, making it unsafe to enter and examine it. I concluded my interview with Investigator Gale and asked no further questions.

After speaking with Investigator Gale, Officer Valdez informed me he had prior knowledge of a male he had contacted who lived inside the fenced area. Officer Valdez contacted Officer Mena #1163 and obtained the male's name ([REDACTED]) who also confirmed the subject lived inside the fenced area.

I requested a photo lineup from our records department which contained a photo of [REDACTED] on the upper right corner of the lineup.



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I asked Officer Roberts #1225 to contact [REDACTED] and conduct the photo lineup. It should be noted, Officer Roberts had no knowledge or involvement in our investigation.

Officer Roberts later informed me [REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] as the male who lives in the fenced area and saw leaving the area of the crime. Refer to Officer Roberts' supplemental report for further details.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Based on my investigation, we determined that [REDACTED] was seen leaving the crime scene during the fire and has been observed living inside the abandoned lot.

I booked the photo lineup into HBPD evidence for further viewing.

I conducted no further investigation at this time.



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## Supplement Information

<b>Supplement Date</b> 02/25/2022 11:06:23	<b>Supplement Type</b> ADDITIONAL STATEMENT	<b>Supplement Officer</b> (422137) ROBERTS, JEREMY J
<b>Contact Name</b>		<b>Supervising Officer</b> (421105) SCHOALES, JAMES R

## Supplement Report

On Friday, 2/25/22 I was working uniformed patrol in a marked black and white police vehicle. At approximately 1145 hours, I responded to [REDACTED] ve to conduct a photo line up for the original DR. I was not involved in the original incident and had no knowledge of any further details regarding the incident.

I contacted [REDACTED] and provided him with the Photo Line Up Admonishment. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised he recognized the subject as the subject walking southbound on Emerald Lane, away from the scene of the fire shortly after the fire started. [REDACTED] heard the subject say "oh it`s a fire" and continued to walk away. [REDACTED] stated that from where the subject was standing he would not be able to see the fire.

My interview with [REDACTED] was recorded on my department issued body worn camera and later uploaded to HBPDCA Evidence.

I conducted no further investigation.



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## Supplement Information

<b>Supplement Date</b> 02/25/2022 11:07:11	<b>Supplement Type</b> CSI REPORT	<b>Supplement Officer</b> (421035) ALVARADO, EVELYN
<b>Contact Name</b>		<b>Supervising Officer</b> (421105) SCHOALES, JAMES R

## Supplement Report

On 02/25/22, at approximately 0900 hours, I responded to 7622 Warner Ave. to assist Officer SERRANO-HERNANDEZ #2096 with an arson investigation regarding a building which caught on fire.

Refer to Officer SERRANO-HERNANDEZ's main report for further.

Using a department issued camera, I took overall photographs of the scene. Additional photographs were taken of the burned structure (which is located just south of the abandoned church building) and a crawl space located along the fence on Emerald Ln., north of Belsito Dr.

The photographs and video from my BWC were uploaded to evidence.om.

I conducted no further investigation.



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### Supplement Information

<b>Supplement Date</b> 03/22/2022 08:40:11	<b>Supplement Type</b> ADDITIONAL STATEMENT	<b>Supplement Officer</b> (422153) GONZALES, RICHARD L
<b>Contact Name</b>		<b>Supervising Officer</b> (421229) MARSH, SCOTT M

### Supplement Report

On 03/15/2022, I was working as a Police Detective (Arson Investigator) and assigned to the General Investigations Unit, in the Investigations Bureau, for the Huntington Beach Police Department. I was assigned this case and I have read reports and reviewed all evidence to this case.

On this date, Sgt Marsh (1229) and I canvassed the property of 7622 Warner Ave. While searching the area, we saw no indication of suspicious activity on the property other than the building being burnt down. There was no indication left behind by a suspect(s) that the fire was directed at anybody and/or group in particular.

No additional information at this time.





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## Supplement Information

<b>Supplement Date</b> 04/04/2022 07:36:29	<b>Supplement Type</b> OTHER INFORMATION	<b>Supplement Officer</b> (429999) AGENCIES, OTHER
<b>Contact Name</b>		<b>Supervising Officer</b> (422635) COLLINS, SHANTEL

## Supplement Report

FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORTS.



# HUNTINGTON BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION REPORT COVER SHEET

<b>F.D. INCIDENT NUMBER:</b> H2203644	<b>P.D. INCIDENT NUMBER:</b> 22-002460	<b>DATE OF INCIDENT:</b> 02-25-2022 @ 0902
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCIDENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> INCENDIARY <input type="checkbox"/> HAZARDOUS MATERIALS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER		CSI: <input type="checkbox"/> FD <input type="checkbox"/> PD
<b>INCIDENT LOCATION:</b> 7622 Warner Avenue Huntington Beach, CA 92647	<b>INCIDENT DESCRIPTION:</b> Vacant building structure fire.	
<b>VICTIM 1</b> Name: Republic Services Corporate Address: 18500 North Allied Way City, State, : Phoenix, AZ 85054 Phone: 480-627-2700	<b>VICTIM 2</b> Name: Address: City, State, Phone #:	
<b>VIOLATION:</b>  N/A		
<b>PERSONS ARRESTED:</b>  N/A		
<b>CASE NUMBERS – RELATED INCIDENTS:</b> N/A		
<b>INVESTIGATION PROGRESS / STATUS:</b> Open: Pending further information coming available from HBPD.		
<b>PRINT NAME OF INVESTIGATOR / DATE</b> Tristan Gale HINV16      03/09/2022	<b>SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR</b> <i>Tristan Gale #0176, HINV16</i>	
<b>PRINT NAME OF BATTALION CHIEF/ ARSON DATE</b> (Approver) Darrin Witt      03/25/2022	<b>SIGNATURE OF BATTALION CHIEF/ARSON</b> <i>Darrin Witt</i>	



# HUNTINGTON BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Date of this Report: 03-03-2022

FD #: H2203644

Classification: Undetermined

PD #: 22-002460

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## DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT

02-25-2022 0902

## INCIDENT LOCATION

7622 Warner Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

## PERSON REPORTING/DISCOVERING INCIDENT

[REDACTED] Metro City Fire Authority Dispatch did not have a name associated with the phone number of the person reporting/discovering the incident at 7622 Warner Avenue in the City of Huntington Beach.

## VICTIM

Republic Services Corporate  
18500 North Allied Way  
Phoenix, AZ 85054  
Contact Number: 480-627-2700

Republic Services (Huntington Beach)  
17121 Nichols Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

## WITNESS

N/A

## SUSPECT

N/A

## PHOTOGRAPHS

T.GALE HBFD INV 16

## EVIDENCE

N/A

## FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ON SCENE

HDIV1 E. MCCOY  
HB4 D. WITT  
HE41 T. GALE

HE42 T. TERICH  
HT42 K. WYMAN  
HE48 L. JONES  
FVB3 A. VELASCO  
FVE31 N. FASULLO  
FVT31 J. HEMKIN  
CE25 C. HAMM  
CHM20 T. CORRELL  
HI9 C. GAIR  
HI15 T. Keating  
HI16 T. GALE

**POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ON SCENE**

HBPD – J. SCHOALES #1105  
HBPD – T. OLSON #1683  
HBPD – H. VALDEZ #1184  
HBPD – C. THOMAS #2115  
HBPD – E. ALVARADO #1035  
HBPD – K. ARMIJO #1179  
HBPD – L. FOX #2840  
HBPD – A. SERRANO #2096

**FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATORS ON SCENE**

T. GALE INV 16  
T. KEATING INV 15  
C. GAIR INV 9

**HUNTINGTON BEACH BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Mike DEAN  
HB Building Inspector  
714-536-5536

**PROPERTY VALUE/LOSS**

**Building:**

**Estimated Value:** N/A

**Estimated Loss:** N/A

**Contents:**

**Estimated Value:** N/A

**Estimated Loss:** N/A

**INSURANCE COMPANY/AGENT**

N/A

### **ORIGIN & CAUSE INVESTIGATION**

The fire was determined to have originated inside a small structure adjacent to what appeared to be a large light weight truss frame structure. A more specific area of origin was determined to have been inside the south/west structure, adjacent to the south/west exterior wall of what appears to be a large light weight truss frame structure.

A definitive single cause of this fire is undetermined. Scene examination revealed extreme heat and direct fire damage to the interior wood frame structure of the most western building on the property. There was obvious signs of personal belongings in a debris pile that was created by Republic Services after both structures collapsed. The Huntington Beach Fire Department requested part of the structure to be taken down by Republic Services by utilizing an excavator. This decision was made by the fire department in conjunction with the building department, due to structure instability, a potential for structure collapse, on scene suppression personnel safety, and a potential for adjacent structures on the property to ignite. The approximate time of the collapse to both structures involved for this incident was 1138.

### **NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE**

I responded to the scene as part of the structure fire assignment. Once the fire was contained and extinguished, I was assigned to investigate the fire by Battalion Chief D. WITT. I then began my investigation.

### **DESCRIPTION OF INVOLVED PROPERTY**

This property is best described as an L shape structure, with what appeared to be a large gathering hall with a structure separated by a small breeze way between the two structures. The large gathering hall was light weight truss frame construction on a raised foundation. Due to the extensive damage caused by the fire, the smaller structure on the south/west corner of the large gathering hall adjacent to Nichols Lane, appeared to be a small wood frame structure.

### **FIRE INVESTIGATION**

Once fire suppression efforts were completed, I began my investigation by using the scientific method in accordance with NFPA 921, 2021 edition.

### **AREA OF ORIGIN**

Examination of the wood frame structure on the south/west corner of the large gathering hall adjacent to Nichols Lane revealed extreme heat and fire damage throughout the entire room (please refer to photographs IMG 0195-IMG 0203). I was unable to enter the wood frame structure due to structural instability, with the potential of the structure collapsing.

### **IGNITION SOURCE/MATERIAL FIRST IGNITED/FIRE DEVELOPMENT**

The ignition source for this fire is undetermined at this time. I cannot rule out a large electrical box on the exterior south/west wall of the large gathering hall, and with what appears to be exposed electrical conduit (please refer to photographs IMG 0199-0201). The most probable material that was first ignited was determined to have been light weight wood frame material associated with the structure. I cannot rule out personal belongings found in the debris pile after the two structures collapsed. Scene examination revealed extreme fire conditions throughout the wood frame structure on the south/west corner of the large gathering hall adjacent to Nichols

Lane. Further scene examination of the wood frame structure revealed direct heat and fire damage, which resembles post flashover conditions.

### **SCENE INVESTIGATION**

The scene investigation began at approximately 1100 on 02/25/22 at the address listed above. This fire occurred on a 5 acre parcel of land (Wintersburg Property) owned and maintained by Republic Services Corporate. The property was secured by 6ft chain link construction fencing with green privacy mesh. The secured and locked chain link fence was breached by fire suppression personnel to conduct fire ground operations for this specific incident. This parcel housed a total of 6 structures including an abandoned church. All structures range in various sizes and are surrounded by minimally maintained tall grass, shrubs, and overgrown trees throughout the property. Both gas and electrical utilities were discovered on the property. One electrical power line which was live at the time of the fire, led from Nichols Ln across the property to the two structures that sustained significant damage from the fire. Information was provided by suppression crews that during the incident, the power lines broke free from the structure and were actively arcing in the grass. This information was later confirmed by SoCal Edison crews on scene. Contact with SoCal Edison was later made regarding the power lines. Edison provided information that two lines leading to the structures were de-energized by crews on scene. Edison was questioned if the building was still energized at the time of the fire. Their response was "If the meter had been pulled the building should have been de-energized. However, if tampered with there could be ways around it".

Due to structural compromise, and the concern for firefighter safety, no personnel were able to safely make access into the building. All photographs were taken from a safe distance along the exterior of the building. The closest photographs were taken through windows, doors, and around compromised walls at the direction of the incident commander.

The two structures that were involved are best described as a large light weight truss framed construction with a composition roof positioned in an L-shape. Prior to the origin and cause investigation, the positioning of the two structures led suppression crews to believe both structures were actually one building. Suppression crews later discovered that there was what appeared to be a breezeway separating the two structures by approximately 3ft. The breezeway was located on the south west corner of the larger structure (See IMG\_0187-0189). During initial suppression operations the breezeways could not be visualized due to the volume of fire. The smaller of the two structures are best described as a light weight wood framed structure with what appeared to be a living quarters (See IMG\_0202). Photos received by the code enforcement department show both structures to have been secured by what appeared to be plywood material on a majority of the windows and doors (Reference CV2022-01066). During fire suppression operations it was confirmed by Captain Kevin WYMAN on HT42 that they needed to remove the plywood materials to better access and extinguish the fire (See IMG\_0183-0184).

The larger of the two structures sustained the least amount of fire damage, but had significant heat and smoke damage throughout the structure. From an exterior view the structural integrity of the building immediately came into question in regards to all personnel on scene (See IMG\_0181-IMG\_0184). The interior of the building appeared to be utilized as a gathering hall. Items such as a pool table, refrigerator, space heater and electrical outlets could be identified

through windows and doors (See IMG\_0206, IMG\_0212-IMG\_0213). Moving from the north to the south end of the building significantly more direct heat and fire damage could be visualized (See IMG\_0192, IMG\_0206, & IMG\_0213).

On the southern exterior wall of the larger building, adjacent to the south west corner of the building, what appears to be electrical conduit and an electrical box was identified. Lines running from the electrical box appear to supply both structures (See IMG\_0199-IMG\_201). It was observed that the smaller building that (appeared to be living quarters) also contained what was believed to be an oven (See IMG\_0203-IMG\_0202). Articles of clothing, personal belongings, trash, and other debris gave the appearance that the building may have been recently inhabited. For more information reference HBFDD supplemental interviews and HBPD DR22-002460 as it pertains to the potential of an unauthorized inhabited structure on private property.

The smaller of the two structures, located on the south west portion of the larger building sustained extreme fire behavior and total building involvement. Based off statements from suppression personnel, erratic fire behavior witnessed, and complete engulfment of large structural members, the smaller of the two structures was identified to be the initial area of origin. A more specific area of origin could not be identified due to structural instability and the potential for building collapse. Based off the layout of the two structures, fire involvement, including partial roof collapse of the smaller structure, complete extinguishment of this fire was unobtainable without taking further measures. Along with the inability to conduct a thorough interior search of the structure for potential victims, further actions needed to be taken. By direction of the Fire Chief the decision was made to utilize an excavator owned and operated by Republic Services, to remove smoldering debris unobtainable to fully extinguish by suppression crews. The basis of this decision allowed for crews to safely extinguish the remainder of the fire, prevented extension to adjacent structures, and allowed to search for potential victims. For any further information please reference Huntington Beach Fire Department Organizational Manual Policy B-2 Section 2.03.

During the process of removing necessary portions of the building, an unintentional collapse of both structures occurred. Republic aided in moving smoldering debris piles to areas where they could safely and fully be extinguished. The excavator also allowed direct visualization of the most damaged portion of the structure to check for potential victims. Complete and total extinguishment accomplished with the support of the excavator, prevented the fire from extending to adjacent structures. (See IMG\_0232-IMG\_0259), (IMG\_0264-IMG\_0271), and (IMG\_0272-IMG\_0285).

While a thorough investigation has been completed, due to the Department's inability to definitively determine a single cause of the fire, additional details relating to this investigation will be taken into consideration should they become available in the future.

**PREPARED BY & PIN#**

Name & PIN#: T. GALE 0176

Investigator: 16



## HUNTINGTON BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT Interviews

Date of this Report: 03/02/2022

FD #: H2203644

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### DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT

02/25/2022 @ 0855

### INCIDENT LOCATION

7622 Warner Ave.  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
District 3315

### VICTIMS

Republic Services  
17121 Nichols Lane,  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

### SUPPRESSION INTERVIEWS

On 03/03/22 at 1000 I spoke to OCFA Captain Todd CORRELL from OCFA HM20. CORRELL explained that he and his crew were on their way to a Hazmat drill at HBFD station 6. As they were on Slater Ave crossing Nichols Ave they noticed a "puff of smoke", and diverted to investigate. CORRELL and his crew arrived on scene to find what appeared to be a vacant, single story, L-shaped structure with heavy fire involvement to over half the building. CORRELL clearly identified that the southernmost portion of the building to be the most involved at that time. CORRELL notified OCFA dispatch of a working fire, and was informed that local units were already enroute. CORRELL explained that he was not able to conduct a thorough 360° inspection of the structure due to locked chain-link gates with green mesh surrounding the property. CORRELL took command of the incident and started assigning resources until the arrival of HB4.

On 03/03/22 at 0800 I spoke to Captain Travis TERICH and his crew from HE42. HE42 was the first arriving fire engine on scene. TERICH explained that he arrived on scene to find a single, story, potentially vacant structure over 50% involved with heavy black smoke coming from all the windows and doors. TERICH and his crew were assigned to Division-A by the Incident Commander and started pulling lines to attack the fire. HE42 was immediately met with access issues due to the chain-link fence, and requested HT42 to assist them with forcible entry to allow for access and egress. TERICH explained due to the level of fire involvement, structural instability, and the observation of a potentially vacant structure, he took a defensive posture and instructed his crews to maintain the safest possible distance while still attacking the fire. TERICH emphasized the importance of protecting the adjacent exposure (church) just north of the unit involved.



On 03/03/22 at 1300 I spoke to Captain Luke JONES on HE48. JONES stated that he and his crew were assigned to Division-D. Their objectives were to attack the fire from the Delta side (Southern side). As JONES and his crew were proceeding toward their assignment, all crews were informed of live electrical wires down in the grass on the south side of the building. The wires were actively arcing and starting small fires in the grass. JONES had his crew isolate a safe distance around the power lines using life safety fire line tape. Once a safe isolation area had been established, JONES and his crew reengaged on suppression operations.

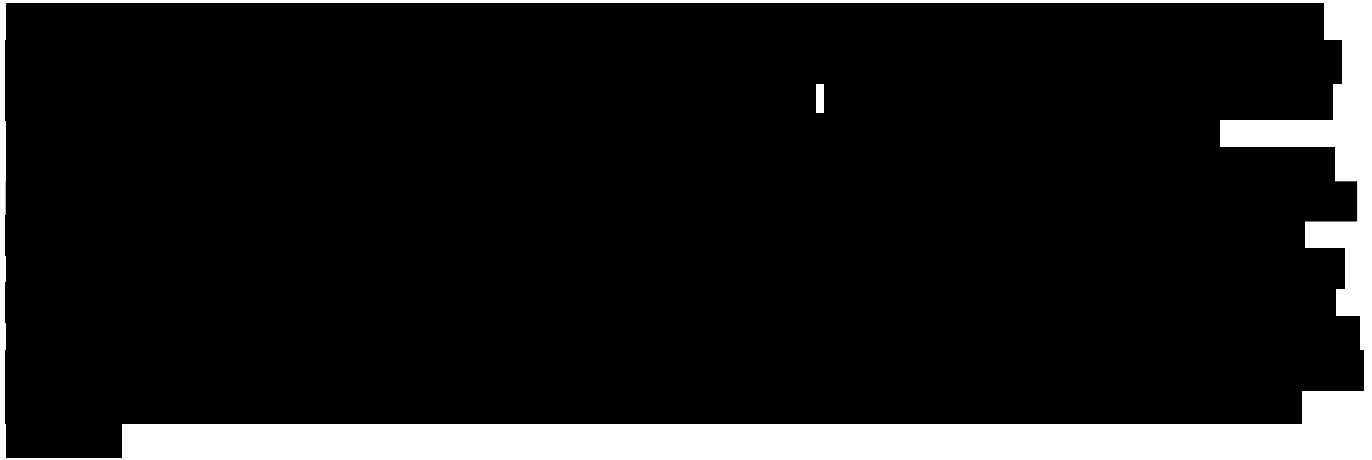
On 02/25/22 I spoke with Battalion Chief Darrin WITT who became the Incident Commander once arriving on scene. WITT told me that crews were having trouble safely making access to a portion of the fire due to structural instability, leaning walls, and roof debris that had collapsed into the western structure. WITT collaborated with the Huntington Beach Building Department and made contact with Fire Chief HABERLE. WITT updated HABERLE on the current fire conditions, stability of the structure, and safety concerns regarding fire personnel. At the direction of the Fire Chief due to the concerns of safety for fire personnel, the decision was made to utilize an excavator (owned by Republic Services) to make access for personnel to safely extinguish the remainder of the fire. Doing so allowed crews to safely extinguish the remainder of the fire, prevented extension to adjacent buildings, and allowed to search for potential victims. For any further information please reference Huntington Beach Fire Department Organizational Manual Policy B-2 Section 2.03.

### **WITNESS/VICTIM INTERVIEWS**

On 02/25/22 at approximately 1100 I spoke to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Manager of Municipal Sales at Republic Services. [REDACTED] explained that while she was performing her regular duties she was informed by employees of a fire on the property across the street. [REDACTED] told me as she was making her way to the front gate she could see heavy black smoke coming from a building next to the church. [REDACTED] was not able to readily identify which building was burning due to her view being obstructed by the green construction fencing. [REDACTED] did confirm that Republic Services does own the property. I asked [REDACTED] if they have ever had any issues on the property in the past. [REDACTED] informed me that they have had crews clean and secure the property due to transient activity and vandalism multiple times in the past. When I asked for specific dates as to the last time crews entered the property, [REDACTED] was unable to provide specific information but was sure it was within the last year.

### **CITY DEPARTMENT INTERVIEWS**

On 03/01/22 Investigator KEATING (HINV15) and I (HINV16 – GALE) went to Huntington Beach City Hall to speak with members of the HB Community Development and Code Enforcement Departments. We first spoke to Mr. Rickey RAMOS who is a Principal Planner, for Community Development stated that the Wintersberg property is one of 250 structures that is recognized by the city as a historical building. The property is a five acre parcel that houses six structures. The property is eligible through the state and federal government to be officially classified as a historic landmark. For further information reference CHBC-Structural Regulations Intent and associated documents placed on the server. Or reference documents from the Community Development Department.



**PREPARED BY & ID #**  
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HINV16, HBFD