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Subject:  Risner Fire Arrest
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Fullerton police have been working alongside other public safety and fire department partners since the Risner fire was reported on Tuesday afternoon, September 08th, 2015 at 3:45 p.m. The fire reportedly began in the area of Gilbert and Castlewood and has burned over 80 acres northwest of intersection. The firefighting efforts were successful and the fire is 100% contained. Fullerton police assisted with voluntary evacuations of nearly 40 homes. Two firefighters were reported to have sustained injuries during the firefighting efforts.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation; however, investigators believe that the point of origin was a transient encampment in the Coyote Hills area near Gilbert and Castlewood.

On September 09th, 2015 police in conjunction with fire investigators’ discovered information that led them to the detention and arrest of a suspect believed to be involved in the fire. The suspect has been identified as Paul Munoz (56) of Fullerton. Munoz was arrested after he was questioned by investigators the morning of September 09th, around 8:45 a.m. He was charged with negligent causing of a fire with injuries.

The investigation remains on-going and is being handled by the Fullerton Police Department Property Crimes Unit. Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact Fullerton Police Department at (714) 738-5336. Those wishing to provide information anonymously can call the Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1(855) TIP-OCCS or to their website at www.occrimestoppers.org.

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Editor’s Note: Booking photo Paul Munoz (56)