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SATURDAY FIRE NOW AN ARSON INVESTIGATION

Detectives working with members of ATF to assist with the investigation

(Edmonds - WA)

The early Saturday morning fire that severely damaged all businesses at the Plum Tree Plaza in Edmonds is being investigated as Arson. Edmonds Police detectives are working with South County Fire as well as agents from the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) as they continue the investigation.

The incident unfolded just after 5:30 am Saturday with reports of flames coming from a business within the small complex at 22315 Highway 99. Fire and police were on the scene within minutes of the calls to 911 and firefighters were eventually able to contain the three-alarm blaze. Shoreline Fire, Northshore Fire, and Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue responded to assist South County Fire. About seventy-five firefighters were at the scene as well as multiple area law enforcement personnel.

Evidence from the scene appeared to show that the blaze started in one specific business but multiple units were destroyed. The entire building suffered damage to some extent from smoke and/or water. The complex contains fourteen total businesses.

South County Fire requested the assistance of the ATF. Edmonds PD detectives also responded, applied for, and received a search warrant for the property. Evidence collected at the scene by the fire marshal and ATF suggests that this fire was set intentionally. EPD detectives are continuing to work with ATF on the investigation to include collecting surveillance footage from area locations.

Edmonds PD is asking for assistance from the community for anyone who may have information about who is responsible for this arson. You can call the tip line at 425-771-0212 or email

policetips@edmondswa.gov.

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