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ARSON

On August 10, 2011 at approximately 5:01 A.M., the Fort Lauderdale Fire Department received a report of a structure fire, located at 6351 Northeast 18th Avenue. The Fort Lauderdale Fire Department responded to the scene and extinguished the fire. While Fire Investigators were assessing the damage, they observed what appeared to be blood trails throughout the residence. Investigators observed those blood trails to continue along the sidewalk on Northeast 18th Avenue.

While Investigators were on-scene, an additional call of a structure fire was received at approximately 7:18 A.M. This fire was located at 2001 Northeast 62nd Street. The Fort Lauderdale Fire Department responded to the second scene and extinguished the fire. While Fire Investigators were assessing the damage, they noticed blood trails through this structure as well.

Both residences were unoccupied at the time of the incidents. The initial fire caused minor damage, however the damage to the second location appears to be more severe.

The combined efforts of Road Patrol Officers, Apprehension K-9 Officers and Detectives, lead to the location and apprehension of the suspect. The suspect has been identified as an Asian male, Keiichi Ito, 12/25/1976, a Fort Lauderdale resident.

As Ito was being taken into custody, Investigators observed a laceration to his right arm. Investigators believe Ito received this injury in the midst of committing the initial arson. Ito was taken into custody and transported to North Broward Medical Center to be treated for his injuries. Ito is being charged with two counts of Arson.

The investigation is still active and on-going. Investigators are urging anyone with further information to contact Detective Eugene McCoy at 954-828-6002.



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