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**FIRE STARTED
BY
6 YEAR-OLD**

On June 18, 2008 at approximately 9:00am, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and Fire-Rescue responded to 1107 NW 2nd Avenue regarding a house on fire.

Fire-Rescue responded and immediately extinguished the fire. Arson detectives arrived on scene and interviewed a 6 year-old boy who stated he was playing with a lighter which started the fire. The child was left home alone with his 9 year-old brother and 3 year-old sister. No one was injured.

According to detectives, based on their interview with the child, criminal charges will not be filed on him regarding the fire. The child will be referred to the Juvenile Fire Setters Program as required.

Regarding the mother, she stated she left the children home alone for a few short minutes to run to the store when she returned to find the duplex on fire. Department of Children and Families responded and subsequently removed the children from the mother's care.

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