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### **Serial Arsonist Arrested**

Tacoma, Wash. – On May 1 at 6:32 p.m., officers working a high profile uniformed patrol emphasis responded to the 200 block of S. G St. for reports of a dumpster fire. This was the third fire reported in the area within the hour. The dumpsters were fully engulfed and were pushed directly up against an apartment building.

Officers contacted witnesses who provided a description of the male they had seen start the fire using what they believed was lighter fluid.

As officers were looking for the suspect, South Sound 911 Dispatch advised of two more dumpsters on fire being reported in the 400 block of St. Helens. Officers responded and located the two fully engulfed dumpsters pushed up against a construction site. Officers attempted to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher to no avail. TFD responded and put out the fire.

Witnesses were able to provide a description of the suspect that matched that from the first fire and the direction he had fled.

At 6:49 p.m. officers located and detained the suspect without incident.

The 34-year-old male suspect is a known serial arsonist who has multiple prior arrests for arson in Downtown Tacoma.

The suspect was booked for one count of Arson 1 and two counts of Arson 2.

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