



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Tacoma Police Seeks the Assistance of Community in Identifying Arson Suspect**

Tacoma, Wash. - At approximately 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2024, Tacoma Police and Tacoma Fire Department personnel responded to a fire at an address in the 300 block of East 26<sup>th</sup> Street. A preliminary investigation revealed the fire at the location was intentionally set by an unknown suspect.

Surveillance footage obtained shows a suspect behind the business immediately before the fire. The Tacoma Police Department seeks the public's assistance in identifying the suspect. A photograph of the alleged suspect is attached.

In response to the increase in reported arsons, the Tacoma Police Department will be staffing emphasis patrols throughout the city. The safety and security of community members and businesses in Tacoma are of paramount concern to the Tacoma Police Department. The emphasis patrols will focus on the individual or individuals involved in the recent rash of arsons that have damaged property, and had the potential to endanger lives, as well as prevent any further incidents.

Anyone with information that may lead to the identification of the person or persons responsible for these fires is asked to contact Tacoma Police or leave a tip with Crime Stoppers using the P3tips app or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS.

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