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**“Suspect Arrested for Arson After Domestic Dispute”**

On March 4, 2014, at approximately 6:08 pm, Coalinga Police Communications began receiving emergency 9-1-1 telephone calls regarding a residential structure fire in the 200 block of East Polk Street in Coalinga. Coalinga Police and Coalinga Fire Department personnel responded.

Upon arrival, Coalinga Police Officers found the home to be occupied by its owner and partially on fire. The home’s adult male owner was removed for his safety. Due to the ongoing investigation, he will remain confidential.

As fire personnel tended to the structure, police personnel began interviewing neighbors and witnesses. Witnesses directed police attention to 40 year old Coalinga resident Cecelia Jimenez, who was standing in front of a neighboring home.

After extensive interviews and following up investigation, officers were able to identify Jimenez as the suspect who intentionally started the fire. Evidence was located indicating gasoline Jimenez purchased at a gas station in the area was used as an accelerant. Police believe Jimenez started the fire over a failed relationship and over a property dispute with the home’s owner.

Jimenez was taken into custody without incident at the scene. She was transported to the Coalinga Police Department for pre-processing and later booked into the Fresno County Main Jail on arson related charges. The investigation is continuing and additional charges of attempted murder may be forthcoming.

Anyone who may have witnessed the arson or with information related to this investigation is asked to call the Coalinga Police Department’s Investigation’s Unit at (559) 935-1525.

**“All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law”**

