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Man Charged With Two Counts Of Arson

Fire Occurred On Sunday In Apartment Complex

A man was arrested and charged with arson by Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Investigators in connection with a fire in an apartment complex Sunday. No one was hurt during the incident.

Harold E Hipps, 49, is in custody and is charged with one count of Arson First Degree and one count of Arson Third Degree.

Las Vegas and Clark County firefighters responded to the Fairfield Apartments at 2:25 p.m. Sunday after getting calls reporting a fire. When firefighters arrived they found a dumpster on fire behind 2116 Fairfield Ave., with fire moving up the rear of the one story apartment building.

Firefighters were able to contain the fire quickly and prevent it from doing much damage to the inside. The fire did damage some power lines, and NV Energy was called to repair the burned lines.

Witnesses told police that a man was seen near the dumpster when the fire started and left the scene. The man was later detained by a Metro Police patrol unit in the area and held for fire investigators. After talking with the man, fire investigators took him into custody and charged him with the fire.

Hipps is being held in the Clark County Detention Center. The incident is being handled by Las Vegas Fire & Rescue investigators.

There was another dumpster fire earlier in the day in the same complex, the cause of that fire is undetermined.

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