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DATE: 11/30/2011

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Arson

CASE NO.: 11211012

INCIDENT DATE :11/27/2011

INCIDENT TIME: 2:32PM

INCIDENT LOCATION: Alley in the 100 block of West Fourth Street

SUBJECT: Duluth Man Arrested for Arson, Burglary & Terroristic Threats

BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen

On Sunday, November 27th, 2011 at 2:32AM the Duluth Fire Department and Duluth Police Department were called to a fire in alley of the 100 block of West Fourth Street.

The fire destroyed five storage units (one car garages) that were all attached to each other as well as Allete Power lines and property and Century Link communication lines and property. The Duluth Fire Department saved a nearby multi-unit apartment complex with their fast suppression response. The fire was determined to be arson.

Duluth Police Arson Investigator Todd Kuusisto continued investigation into the incident, collecting information and finding witnesses. The investigation revealed that Ryan Tangen, a 22 year old, male resident of Duluth, was responsible for breaking into the storage units and intentionally setting fire to property inside. Also, Tangen had threatened to harm witnesses if they reported any knowledge of his involvement.

On Wednesday, November 30th, 2011 at 1:00PM Duluth Police took Ryan Tangen into custody. He is currently being held at the Saint Louis County Jail pending formal charges of 2nd Degree Arson, 3rd Degree Burglary and two counts of Terroristic Threats.

