



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Fire Investigation at Mountain View High School

On April 21, 2023, at 11:42 a.m., the Loveland Police Department was notified of a fire inside a school bathroom at Mountain View High School, located at 3500 Mountain Lion Drive, Loveland, Colorado 80537. The School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to school was on site at the time of the call. The SRO responded to the area immediately and discovered the fire had already been extinguished by a staff member. Students were evacuated while members of the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority responded and ventilated the area. There were no injuries to any students or other personnel, but the damage was estimated to be approximately \$2,300.

The SRO immediately initiated an investigation and interviewed several witnesses and reviewed video footage. This investigation identified two 15-year-old male suspects. On May 1, 2023, the SRO presented the case to the Larimer County District Attorney's Office.

One male suspect was charged with: First Degree Arson, C.R.S. 18-4-102, a class 3 felony; Criminal Mischief, C.R.S. 18-4-501(1), a class 6 felony; and Reckless Endangerment, C.R.S. 18-3-208, a class 2 misdemeanor.

Another male suspect was charged with: Complicity to commit First Degree Arson, C.R.S. 18-1-603, a class 4 felony.

The case has been accepted by the Larimer County District Attorney's Office. There will be no further information release from the Loveland Police Department.

The charges are merely an accusation, and the defendants are presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

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