

DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force

Fire Investigation Report

Report Date: 09/18/07	Report Number: 07-34278
Incident Date: 09/16/07	Incident Time: 1924
Investigator(s): Simpson, Gradus, Westrom, Kownacki, Mortensen, Berk, Hinze, Chmura, Grenier	
Investigated By: All Above	Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Reviewed By: Commander Simpson	Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>

Incident Address: 2N255 County Farm Road
 City: West Chicago State: IL Zip: 60185
 Property Use: Business Occupancy: Owner

Occupant Name: Universal Cable Construction	Occupant DOB:
Occupant Home Phone:	Occupant Work Phone:
Occupant Cell Phone:	
Owner Name: Same As Above	Owner DOB:
Owner Address:	
City:	State: Zip:
Owner Phone:	Owner Cell Phone:
Previous Address:	How Long:
City:	State: Zip:

Insurance Company: Pekin Insurance Company
 Policy Number: CL 98940 How Long w/Company:
 Agent/Adjuster: Jeff Barnes Phone: 815-729-9400
 Coverage Amount Total: Structure: 790,000 Contents: 26,300
 Structure Type: Other Height: 18 Width: 50 Depth: 120
 Construction Type: IV - Ordinary Age of Structure: Unknown
 Any Previous Claims with Company: When:

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Fire Alarm / Protection System:

AFA: N/A

Automatic Alarm / Protection Components:

Alarm Received:

FD Dispatched:

Smoke Detectors:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operating:	Alarms:
Heat Detectors:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operating:	Alarms:
Combination Detectors:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operating:	Alarms:
Water Flow:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operating:	Alarms:
Sprinkler System:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operating:	Alarms:
Standpipe System:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operating:	Alarms:

Suppression System Type: None

Alarm Company: N/A

Operator Number:

Alarm Company Number:

Alarm Co. Phone:

Time of Alarm: 1924

Time of Initial Company Arrival: 1926

1st Chief On Scene: B/C Johnson1st Company On Scene: Eng 232

Fire Depart/District: Carol Stream FPD

Fire Incident Number: 07-3356

Lieut: Gillis

Engineer: Schwarze

Firefighter: J. Kanzia

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2nd Chief On Scene Chief Kanzia2nd Company On Scene: Eng 231

Fire Depart/District: Carol Stream FPD

Fire Incident Number: 07-3356

Lieut: Sanderfoot

Engineer: Karls

Firefighter: Crivolio

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1st Police Agency On Scene: DuPage County Sheriff

Initial Police Officer: Kramer

Badge Number:

Police Report Number: 07-34278

Summary of Initial Actions:

Weather Conditions: Clear

Temperature: 60 °F

Wind Direction: SE

Wind Speed: 08

Humidity:

Other:

Witness / Caller / Suspect / Victim Information:

Caller Name: Stella/Loni Howard

SSN:

Address: 29W180 Pomeroy

Phone: 630-876-1923

City: West Chicago

Cell: 630-615-0200

State: IL

Zip: 60185

DOB:

Work:

Caller Name: Chris Yarosa

SSN:

Address:

Phone:

City:

Cell: 847-383-0348

State:

Zip:

DOB:

Work:

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 Address: _____ Phone: _____
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 State: _____ Zip: _____ DOB: _____ Work: _____

Casualty Information: Not Applicable

Name: _____ Disposition: _____ Location: _____
 Address: _____ DOB: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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Area Of Origin:

Northeast corner of the contractor drop off room on top of the counter.

Description:

Contractor's drop off room in the warehouse on north side of building behind main office area. Room is approximately 15' x 11' in size, standard two by four studs with plywood sheathing and a drop ceiling approximately 8' from the floor.

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Equipment Involved:

Manufacturer: _____ Model Number: _____
Date of Manufacture: _____ Serial Number: _____
Condition Prior to Fire: _____

Utility Information:

Electric: On _____ Electric Supply: Power Utility Company
Electric Service: 400 Amp _____ Meter No: 140402133
Gas: On _____ Gas Type: Natural _____ Meter No: 2931804
Phone: On _____ Cable: On _____ Water: On _____
Utilities Secured By: Bloomingdale Eng 2 (gas) Com Ed (Elec)

Doors & Windows:

Front Door: Locked _____ Front Windows: Locked _____
Back Door: Locked _____ Back Windows: Locked _____
Side Door(s): Locked _____ Side Windows: Locked _____
Garage Door: Locked _____ Basement Windows: N/A _____
Patio Door: N/A _____ Skylight(s): N/A _____
Other: _____

Photography: (Not Applicable)

Photos Taken By: DCSO Forensic Dept _____ Photo Type: Digital _____
Photographer: Ofc Pugley _____ Phone Number: 630-407-2400
Photos Taken By: DCSO Forensic Dept _____ Photo Type: Digital/Video _____
Photographer: Kowalik _____ Phone Number: 630-407-2400
Photos Taken By: DCSO Forensic Dept _____ Photo Type: Digital/Video _____
Photographer: Barkalow _____ Phone Number: 630-407-2400
Photos Taken By: _____ Photo Type: _____
Photographer: _____ Phone Number: _____

Evidence Information: (Not Applicable)

Evidence Obtained:	Number of Samples:	Evidence Secured:
Sample ID Number: _____	Collected By: _____	
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Additional Samples Taken: (See Narrative For Details)

Evidence Disposition:

Laboratory Information: (Not Applicable)

Samples Sent to Laboratory:

Number of Samples Submitted:

Lab Name:

Phone:

Lab Contact:

Law Enforcement Agency Present:

Officer:

Evidence Chain Maintained By:

Laboratory Results: (See Attached Lab Report) (See Narrative For Details)

Scene Assignments:

Assignment	Investigator(s)	Agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investigation:	Simpson	DCSO
	Kownacki	DCFIT
	Chmura	DCFIT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photography:	Pugsley	DCSO
	Kowalik	DCSO
	Barkalow	DCSO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interviews:	Simpson	DCSO
	Mortensen	DCFIT
	Beck	DCFIT

Evidence Collection:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scene Sketching:	Kownacki	DCFIT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canine Unit:	Kushner	OSFM

Attach all drawings, photographs, sketches and associated information to this report file.

Fire Investigation Report Narrative:

The DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force was requested by the Carol Stream Fire Protection District to assist in an investigation into a fire at 2N255 County Farm Road that occurred on Sunday September 14th at 1924 hours. The above investigators responded and met at the scene for a briefing into the situation and conditions of the fire. DuPage Task Force members were given assignments and begun the investigation.

The building is described as a 50 x 120 ordinary construction with entrances on the West, South and East sides of the building. The front of the building faces the West. There are two garage doors on the South side for a loading dock, and a garage door on the East side for vehicle access into the building for vehicle maintenance. There are no openings on the North side of the building. A false mansard roof wraps around the front of the building and goes approximately 15' down both the north and south sides.

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The front portion of the building is a divided office area with a small kitchen and two bathrooms. Above the office area is a loft used for storage of miscellaneous equipment and old business records. Behind the office area is a wooden office area named the "drop room" used by the independent contractors for their paperwork pick up and drop off assignments. The remainder of the building is general warehouse and a vehicle maintenance area in the rear.

Investigators Simpson, Berk, Hinze and Mortensen were assigned to interview various employees of the business that were present during the fire suppression activities. (See Interview Sheets). Investigators Westrom, Kownacki and Chmura stood by the scene during the remainder of the fire suppression activities. Investigator Westrom interviewed the first in fire suppression crews. (See Interview Sheets)

The investigation was suspended until morning for safety concerns. DuPage County Sheriff's Department assigned two patrol officers for scene security on the property. Robinette Demolition was contacted to stabilize the building and to remove the collapsed roof over the loft area of the building.

Investigators, an Evidence Technician and Robinette arrived to the scene at approximately 0800 hours to stabilize the building, and start processing the scene. A decontamination station was set up by the South side door and an entry log was established. The scene was documented by both digital photography and video tape. Robinette started stabilizing the building with metal box crib supports in the warehouse behind the office area and moved to removing the roof deck at the Northwest corner and working toward the Southside of the building above the loft area. A BATF Special Agent arrived and assisted in interviewing employees of the business (See Interview Sheets).

The scene was processed using the scientific method from the area of least damage to the most damaged. The warehouse area was processed and the burn patterns on the south wall pointed to the loft area. The patterns on the north wall and ceiling pointed to the drop room area. After the roof decking was removed, the loft area was processed noting the burn patterns and damage pointing back down to the area around the drop room along the north wall. It appears that the fire started in the drop room. When the air conditioner fell out of the wall and the suspended ceiling failed, the fire progressed up and over to the loft area. Patterns indicate that the fire moved across the loft from the north to the south and banked back into the warehouse by the south wall causing high damage along the south wall over the security area.

The drop room is constructed with wooden 2x4 studs and plywood sheathing for walls, a suspended ceiling was constructed by using galvanized piping tied to the beam structures of the roof and the suspension grid was hung from the piping. The counter is made of 2x4 supports and 3/4" plywood, 25" wide on three walls of the room. The main electric circuit enters the room from a double duplex outlet on the center of the north wall under the counter. Additional outlets were added at three corners of the room and one just inside the north edge of the doorway by conduit installed under the counter.

Computers were located at different locations on the counter, along with two printers mounted on shelves on the walls. A television set and cable box were mounted in the southeast corner of the room above the counter. A four drawer file cabinet was located in the southwest corner of the room by the doorway. A small air conditioner was built into the west wall at the northwest corner above the printer. Work papers were stacked throughout the room both on the counter and on the floor. A small space heater was located in the northeast corner on the floor, but unplugged at the time of the fire. A cable router was attached to the underside of the counter at the area of origin.

It appears that the fire started in the northeast corner of the drop room on top of the counter. Per employees, the only items on the counter in that area were stacks of papers. The counter was mostly consumed by the fire for a couple of feet each way from the corner. The supports for the counter were damaged but still present. The wall had burned through to the shelving unit to the east.

It is the opinion that the fire is INCENDIARY due to the lack of any accidental causes in the area. All the

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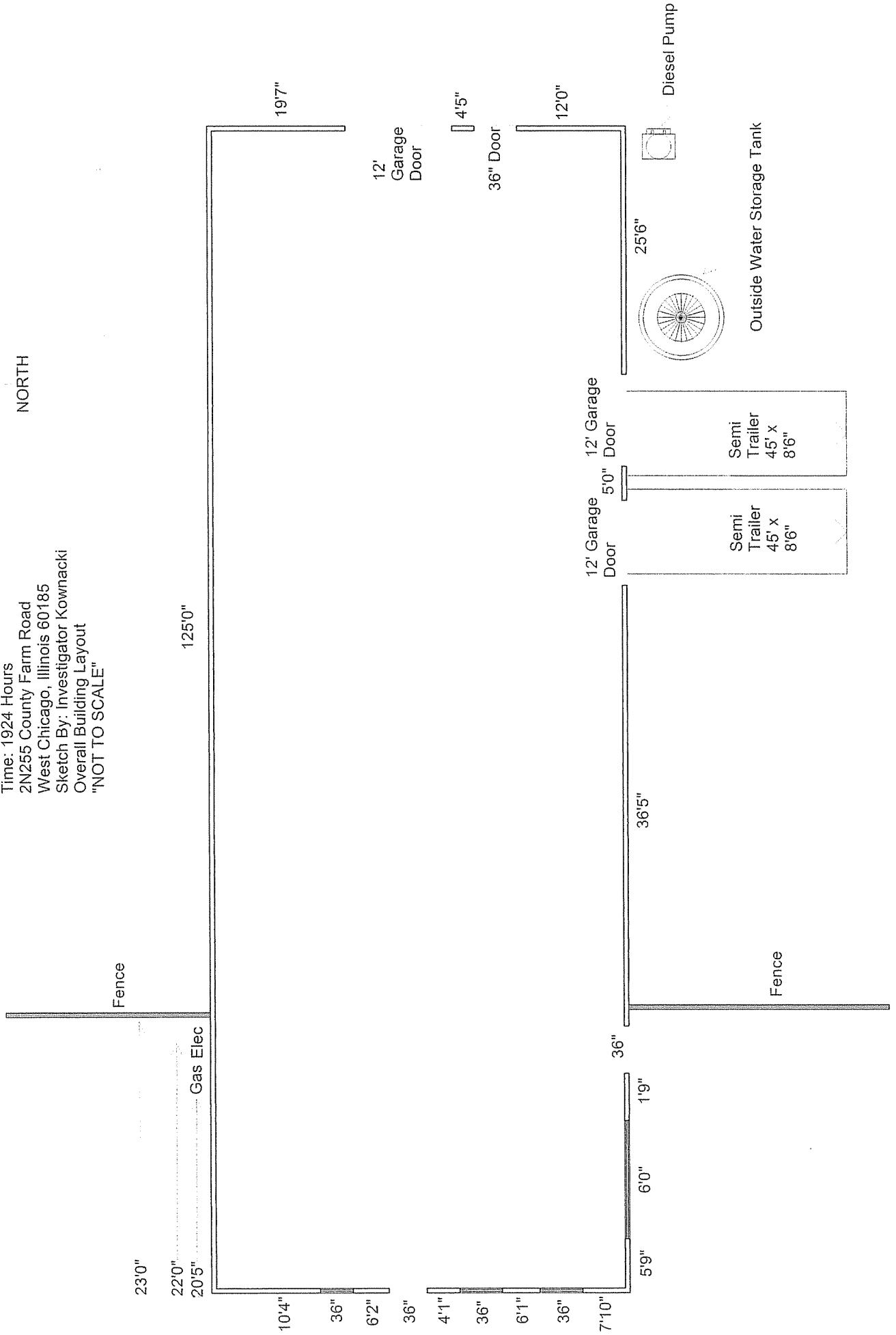
electrical in the area was checked by an electrical engineer and no problems were found. There was no smoking allowed in the building and no evidence of smoking materials was located.

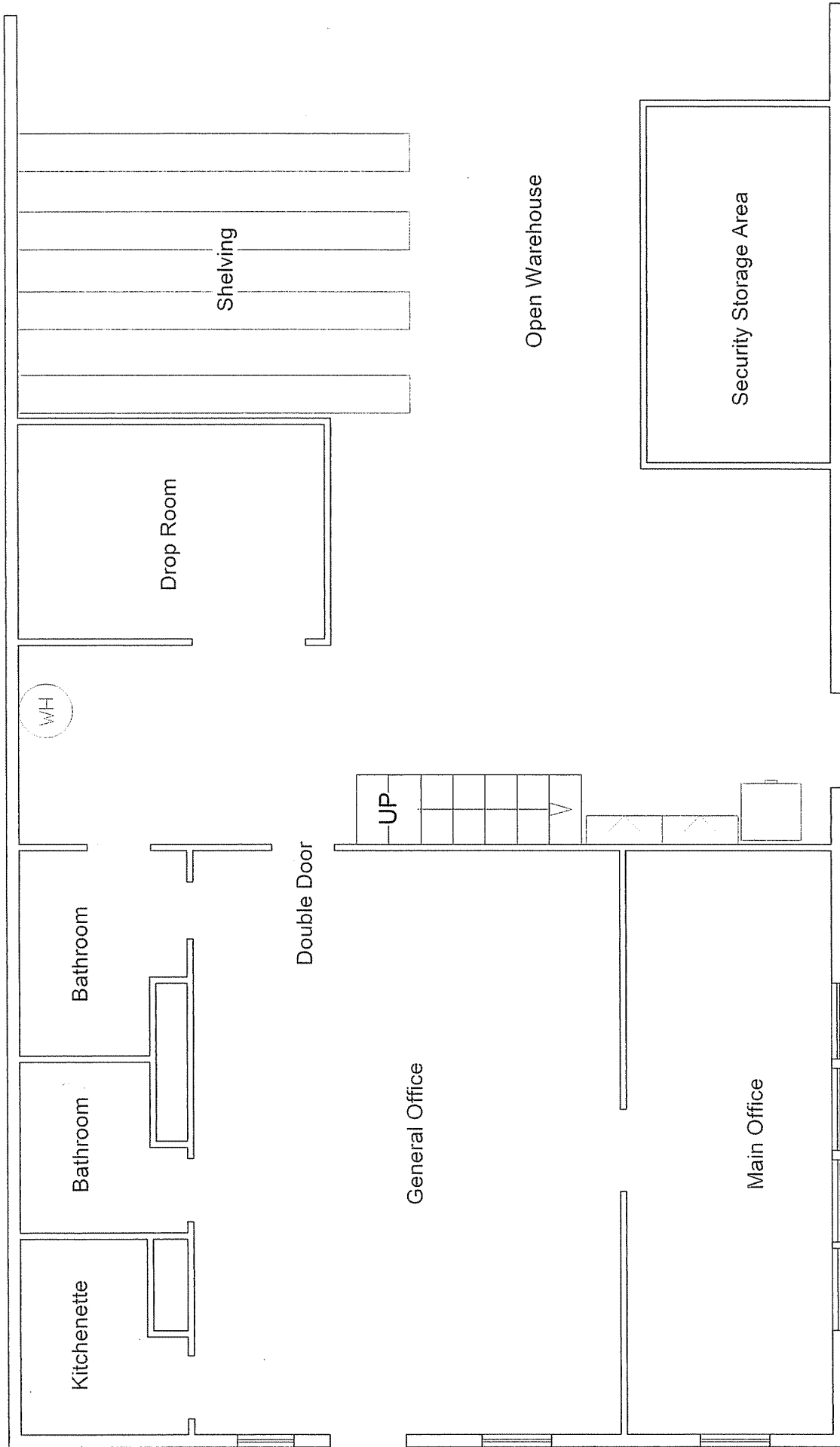
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 Task Force
 Incident No. 07-34278
 Date: September 16, 2007
 Time: 1924 Hours
 2N255 County Farm Road
 West Chicago, Illinois 60185
 Sketch By: Investigator Kownacki
 Overall Building Layout
 "NOT TO SCALE"

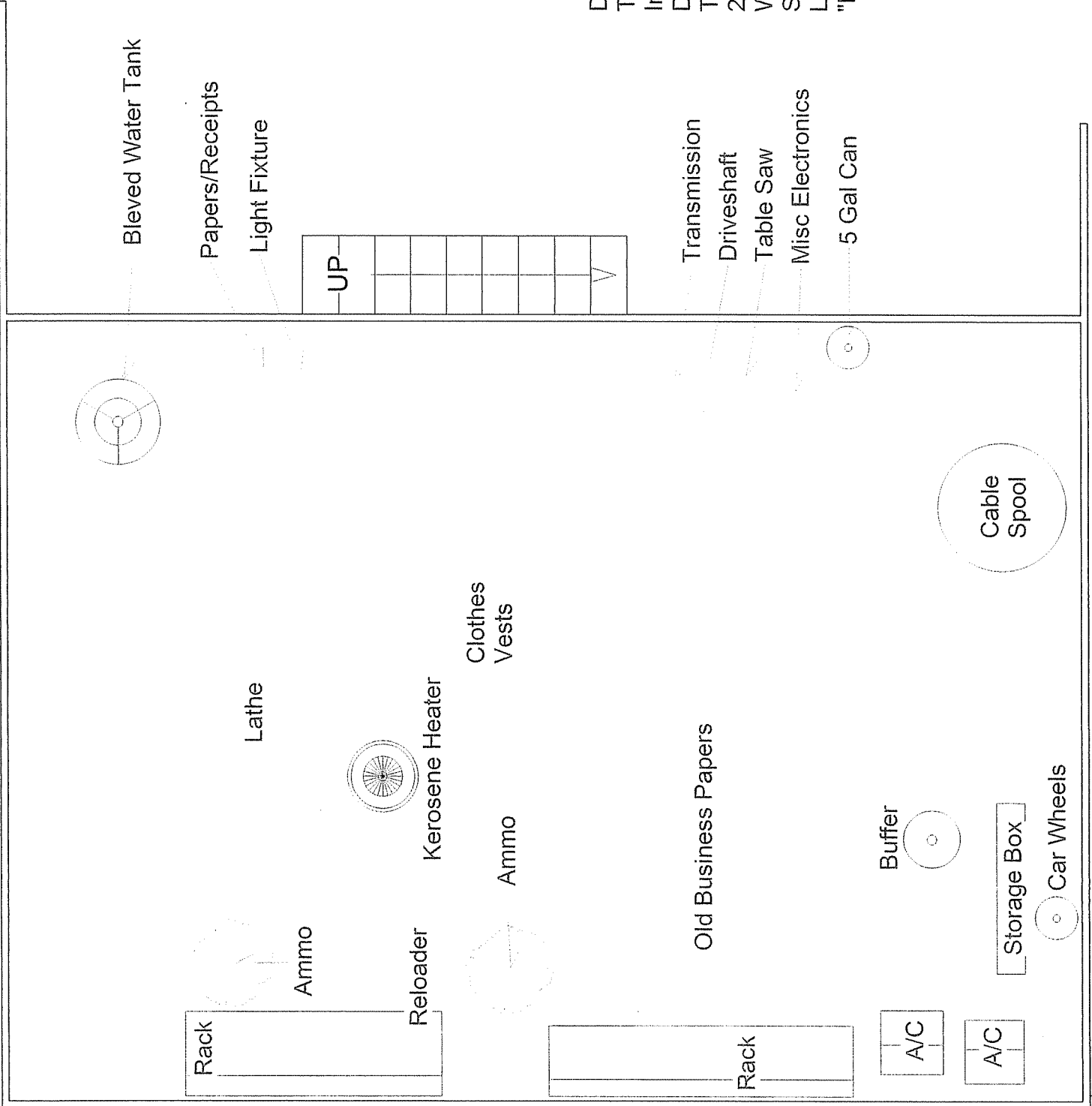
NORTH





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 Date: September 16, 2007
 Time: 1924 Hours
 2N255 County Farm Road
 West Chicago, Illinois 60185
 Sketch By: Investigator Kownacki
 West Interior Building Layout
 "NOT TO SCALE"

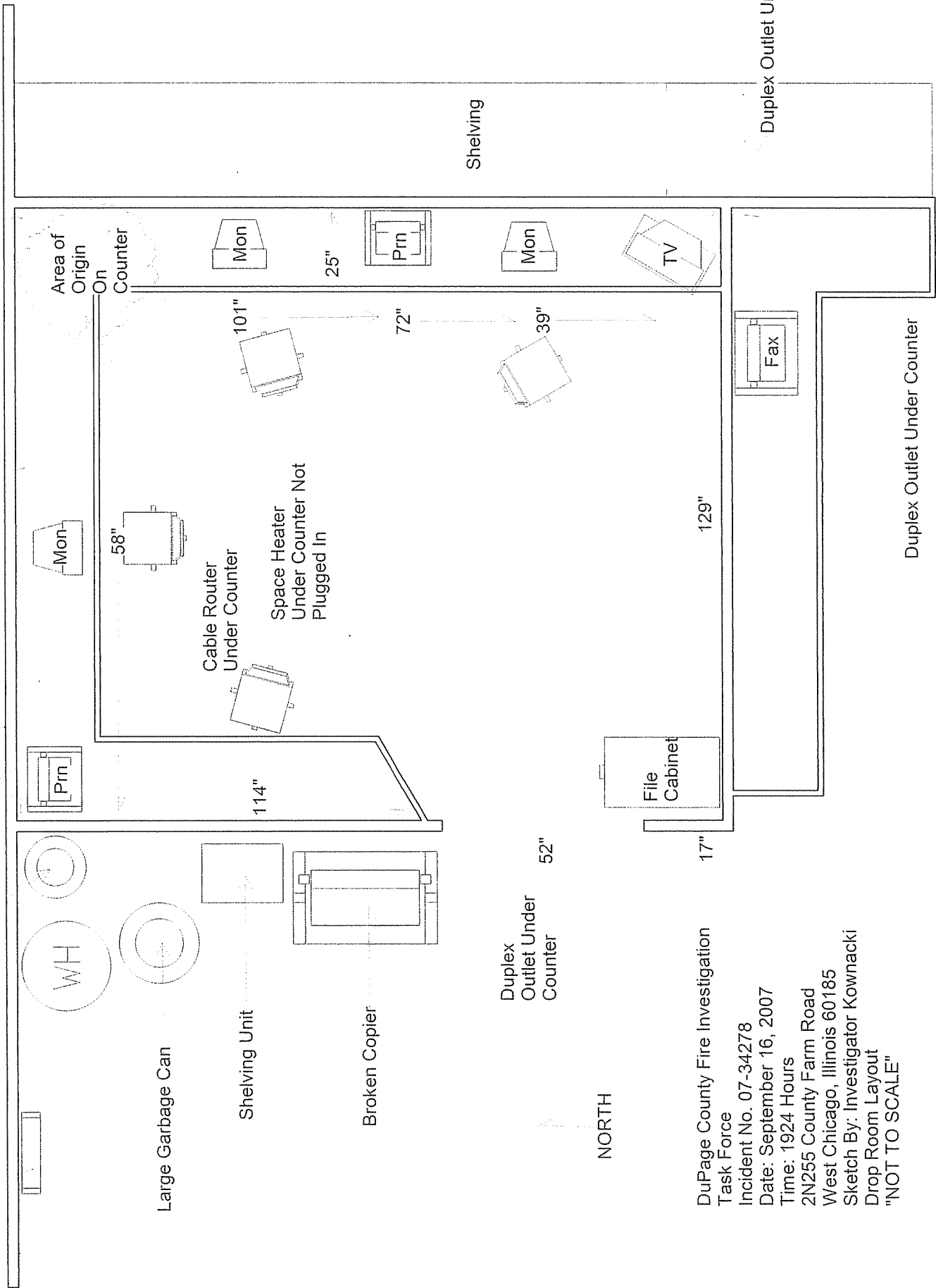




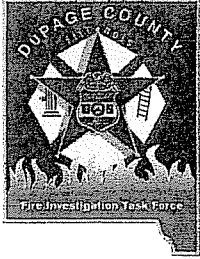
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 Date: September 16, 2007
 Time: 1924 Hours
 2N255 County Farm Road
 West Chicago, Illinois 60185
 Sketch By: Investigator Kownacki
 Loft Above Office Layout
 "NOT TO SCALE"

NORTH

Electric Panel Small Garbage Can Duplex Outlet Under Counter Double Duplex Outlet Under Counter Duplex Outlet Under Counter



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Sketch By: Investigator Kownacki
Drop Room Layout
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Interview Statement

Case Number: 07-34278
Investigator: Donald S. Kownacki
Date: September 15, 2007
Time: 09:30 Hrs
Taken At: 27W170 St. Charles Road
Carol Stream, Illinois 60188
Phone: 630.562.9100

Summary:

This investigator spoke to Dr. Marc Wiener in his office reference the fire that occurred at 2N255 County Farm Road on Sunday evening which is next door to his property to the North. He stated that he was wall papering an interior office in his building until between 7:30 and 8:00 pm when he noticed the about 5 fire trucks next door with smoke coming out of the building. He did not see anyone or any activity around the building at all that evening.

Dr. Wiener had hired a concrete company (Concrete Decorators) to do some work around his building and they were working on the drive earlier in the day. Dr. Wiener received a temporary occupancy permit on August 31, 2007 to allow him to do some work inside the building. He had purchased the corner property four years ago from the owners of the building next door.

Dr. Wiener stated he had not had any problems with the owners next door except for one time, their employees were using the first 15' to 18' off the road for parking. Dr. Wiener addressed this issue with the owners and asked them to stop as his septic field was in the area. The owners had put up a wire fence to stop their employees from using the area.

In around March 2007 he found an approximately 40 year old female and a teenage girl looking around his building foundation. When he approached them,

they stated they were looking for the missing owner from the building next door. They left his property after the conversation.

I asked if there was anything else he could think of;

Dr. Wiener stated that he noticed parties or barbeques in the rear of the building on some Saturday afternoons lasting a couple of hours, maybe 10 to 15 people.

Dr. Wiener had applied to Carol Stream for annexation about a year ago, and during a conversation with the owners next door, they asked to be included. Under legal advice, he dropped the idea with them.

. . . End of Interview . . .

Joe Roman:	H: 708-484-9509 SBC	C: 630-514-3145 Nextel
Fran Armstrong:	H: 630-588-9062 SBC	C: 630-688-2865 Nextel
Ralph Armstrong:		C: 630-749-0012 Nextel
John Leahy:	H: 630-832-5395 SBC	C: 630-514-3283 Nextel
Sommer Maupin:		C: 630-542-0725 Cingular
Suzanne Spira	H: 630-587-8333 SBC	C: 630-363-6147 Cingular

OFFICER #1 J. GRADUS #337	OFFICER #2	<input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLEARED <input type="checkbox"/> DETECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	SUPERVISOR: <i>[Signature]</i> 259 DATE: 01/03/09
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J. Gradus 337

Incident No.
2007 - 39343

DuPage County Sheriff's Office
Incident Report

Print Date : 10/26/2007
Print Time : 7:05:00 AM

Incidents

CODE	TYPE OF INCIDENT	DATE OCCURRED	DAY OCC	TIME OCC		
0610 9101	BURGLARY SUSPICIOUS AUTO REPORTED	10/25/2007	5	23:00:00		
		DATE REC	TIME REC	DISP	ARR	COMP
		10/25/2007	23:29:00	23:30:00	23:32:00	02:23:00
		LOCATION OCCURRED	CODE	CITY		SEC
		2N255 COUNTY FARM RD (Universal Cable)	410	West Chicago		23

Officers

Code	ON	Badge No	Officers	Agency or Address	Phone
13	<input type="checkbox"/>	517	Manka, D	DuPage County Sheriff's Office	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	681	Burgermeister, P	DuPage County	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	901	Pfeifer, J	DuPage County	
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	336	Barkalow, B	DuPage County	
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	184	Kuczynski, M	DuPage County	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	754	Rogers, D	DuPage County	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	579	Koty, E	DuPage County	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	262	Marotta, P	DuPage County	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	150	Murakami, G	DuPage County	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	210	Smith, R	DuPage County	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	869	DeCastris, G	DuPage County	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	103	Heldmann, M	DuPage County	

Persons

Code	ON	Name (Alias) Business/Organization	Address	DOB	S	R	Phone
C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maupin Jr, Daniel L	0S616 East Winfield IL	07-18-56	M	W	(H) (630) 690-1625 (C) (630) 417-2702
V	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Universal Cable	2n255 County Farm Rd West Chicago IL				(B) (630) 681-8716
W1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wychoff, Dale J	30 Birch St Carpentersville IL	02-26-73	M	W	(H) (630) 514-1661 (B) (224) 587-7113
W2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lazarini Jr, Paulo C	118 Lake Marian Rd Carpentersville IL	11-01-74	M	W	(H) (224) 388-7698 (B) (630) 327-2369
W3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stubben, Donna R	0s651 Robbins Winfield IL	06-12-64	F	W	(H) (630) 681-8716 (C) (312) 518-6690
W4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stubben, David W	0s651 Robbins Winfield IL	01-17-63	M	W	(H) (630) 681-8716 (C) (630) 417-2699
W5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sgt Komar #136,	Warrenville PD Warrenville IL				(B) (630) 836-0252
W6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comcast	Unk IL				(U) (999) 999-9999 x9999
W7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enterprise Leasing of Chicago	1050 Lombard Rd Lombard IL				(B) (800) 261-7331
W8	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enterprise Rental/Schaumburg	1083 E Golf Rd Schaumburg IL				(B) (847) 517-8001
W9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abajian, Timothy M	826 Houlton Ct Schaumburg IL	04-25-68	M	U	(H) (847) 524-8132

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further information.

I spoke with Dale who advised he had come to the lot to pick up a truck for his shift. He arrived at 2300 hrs and the gate to the yard was open. He noticed doors to the vehicle he was going to use (GMC) were open. He said he closed the doors and went to move the vehicle when he saw the door to the trailer open. He then pulled to the front of the lot and called Daniel.

Paulo Lazarini is another employee that arrived for work. He pulled up to the front gate as Dale was pulling up the truck from inside. When Dale told him what happened, he remained outside the lot.

The unidentified vehicle registered back to Enterprise Rental car and had a magnetic Comcast placard on the side. Dispatch called Enterprise, who advised them it was rented from the Schaumburg site, but could not tell them by who.

While we were on scene Donna Stubben and David Stubben arrived. Donna identified herself as the owner of the building and David as the owner of the business. David stated that he would handle the situation himself, did not want any involvement from this office and instructed us to leave his property.

Sgt Rogers was notified and arrived on scene for supervisory duties.

None of the Universal Cable employees recognized Tim's name or the vehicle that was left behind. Due to being unable to make contact with the issuing rental office or the authorized renter of the vehicle and its involvement in this incident, it was towed from the scene. Deluxe Towing removed it from the yard and transported it to Sheriff's Office Vehicle bay. Refer to ET report for the vehicle inventory.

Det Kuczynski was contacted from the scene. He advised that the detective division would address the incident the next duty day and would not be responding to the scene.

Sgt Komar, Warrenville PD, arrived to conduct a K-9 track from the exterior of the property. Dep Koty, Dep Murakami, Dep R Smith, Dep De Castris, Dep Marotta, and Dep Heldmann assisted with the search perimeter. The K-9 tracked southeast from the business, but did not locate a suspect.

A check in LEADS/CJIS listed Tim as Timothy M Abajian from Schaumburg.

Due to David's request the investigation was terminated after Det Barkalow processed the scene. No further action at this time.