

**Appendix E**

**Captain William Martin's  
Fire Investigation Bureau Preliminary  
Report**

**FIRE INVESTIGATION BUREAU  
PRELIMINARY REPORT**

**BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**LOCATION INVESTIGATED**

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STREET #: 143 STREET NAME: S. Calverton Road ROOM / APT / SUITE: N/A ZIP CODE: 21223 INCIDENT #: 2007016355

DATE OF FIRE: 2/9/2007 DAY OF WEEK: BOX AREA: 14-5 BATTALION: 3RD

TIME OF FIRE: 11:51 WEATHER CONDITIONS: Day/Clear

PROPERTY TYPE: DWELLING / UNOCCUPIED STORIES: 3 MATERIAL: BRICK

OWNER: Mayor and City Council OWNER TELEPHONE: (410)396-3100 ADDRESS: 100 N. Holiday Street

OCCUPANT: Unoccupied OCCUPANT TELEPHONE: OCCUPIED AS: DWELLING / UNOCCUP OCCUPATION:

VEHICLE MAKE VEHICLE MODEL: VEHICLE YEAR: LICENSE #:

LOCATION PREVIOUS FIRES: OWNER PREVIOUS FIRES: OCCUPANT PREVIOUS FIRES:

CONTENTS: \$0.00 NO NO

STRUCTURE: \$0.00

TOTAL DAMAGES:

SMOKE DETECTOR: N-NO SMOKE DETECTOR INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY: SPECIAL REQUEST BY BATTALION CHIEF

# OF SMOKE DETECTORS: 0

POINT OF ORIGIN: CAUSE: ALARM LEVEL: BOX

PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR: FIB 2 CAPTAIN WILLIAM MARTIN DATE OF INVESTIGATION: 2/9/2007 TIME OF INVESTIGATION: 12:30

POLICE OFFICERS NAME: Officer McDuffie CAR #: 8B35

CENTRAL COMPLAINT #: 8B3703 CRIME LAB #: 5827

POLICE ARSON: Ed Vogt, Detective Perkins ATF: Hines

**POINT OF ORIGIN DESCRIPTION:**

Multiple Points

**NARRATIVE:**

Investigation revealed multiple points of origin. Point # 1, 1st. Floor rear, burning of mattresses, brush and excelsior, fire extended to the walls and ceilings, there was no other extension of fire out of this room. Point # 2, 2nd. Floor rear room, burning of pallets and excelsior, fire extending to walls and ceiling structure. Point # 3, 2nd. Floor bathroom, burning of excelsior, fire extending to walls and ceiling structure, further extending to false ceiling void space, Same traveled in void space to stairway landing to the 3rd. Floor, and underside of roof structure. Point # 4, 2nd. floor front room, burning of wooden pallets and excelsior, fire extending to walls and ceiling structure, venting out front windows and roof structure. Point # 5, 2nd. Floor, front room closet, burning of excelsior, extending to to sheet rock in walls of closet. Point # 6, 3rd. Floor, front room closet, burning of excelsior. Point # 7, front room, burning of wood pallets and excelsior, extending to walls and ceiling structure and underside of roof covering.

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Examination revealed multiple points of origin. This was a training exercise, conducted by the Fire Academy, utilizing wooden pallets and excelsior, throughout the dwelling. Examination revealed that the sheetrock ceilings had been removed prior to the fire, exposing multiple void spaces, which enabled fire to spread throughout the ceiling assembly. Examination revealed the walls to the staircase were still intact, except for void space between the 2nd. And 3rd. Floor. Examination revealed a hole in the roof structure, over the stairway from a previous training exercise. Ventilation hole in roof was extended by Truck crew operating as Truck 3, for drill.

**PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS OPINION:**

It is the opinion of this investigator that this fire was set as a training exercise.

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INVESTIGATOR

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REVIEWING OFFICER

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