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Humboldt- Del Norte Unit

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CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Arrest at the Church Incident

On October 28th, 2020, at approximately 4:00 PM, CAL FIRE Humboldt - Del Norte Unit Emergency Command Center (ECC) received a report of a fire involving a vegetation fire impacting structures at the end of Highway 169 in the community of Johnsons. The fire was contained to 1 1/2 acres of vegetation with two structures and one commercial vehicle destroyed. Evidence at scene showed the fire originated in the vegetation then spread to the structures and the commercial vehicle. The fire was determined to be caused by an escaped illegal debris burn conducted by the resident of the property.

The resident, Louie Meyers, was booked into the Humboldt County Detention Center on the following charges:

- PC 452 (c) Reckless burning
- PC 454 (a) (2) Reckless burning during a declared State of Emergency
- PC 4423.5 Burning during a burn suspension

The CAL FIRE Humboldt - Del Norte Unit would like to remind the public the burn suspension is still in effect. While cooler temperatures have become more prevalent, heavier vegetative fuels remain critically dry and will continue to carry fire. Burn permits are required year-round by the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District, and, depending on the time of year and pile size, may also be required by CAL FIRE. Contact the Air Quality Management District at (707) 443-3093 or the nearest CAL FIRE facility for more information on burn permits.



Louie Meyers Booking Photo