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Man arrested on suspicion of murder, attempted murder after house fire in San Bernardino area

Brian Rokos, Daily Bulletin

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Flames burn a home in the 7200 block of Tippecanoe Avenue near San Bernardino early on April 17, 2021. Charlotte Kathryn Knight, 85, died after being rescued from the home, authorities said. (LoudLabs News)

Saturday night update: The Sheriff's Department said that after the fire, investigators arrested Charles Tyson Christian, 47, San Bernardino, on suspicion of murder and attempted murder.

In a statement, the department said two victims had escaped the fire in the home but had returned inside attempting to rescue the elderly female victim, and were burned while doing so. One victim, a man, 68, was hospitalized in intensive care while the other, a woman, 67, was treated and released.

Christian was identified as the son of the two surviving victims.

A Sheriff's Department statement didn't say how Christian had been identified as a suspect. Any relationship between the woman who died, the surviving victims and their son was not immediately disclosed.

The fire was investigated by homicide detectives and arson investigators.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information, or who witnessed the incident, was asked to contact Detective Jon Cavender at (909) 387-3589. Callers can remain anonymous and contact WeTip at 800-78CRIME or www.wetip.com

San Bernardino County sheriff's detectives are investigating the death of a woman who was discovered as firefighters extinguished a fire early Saturday, just outside the San Bernardino city limits.

Charlotte Kathryn Knight, 85, was pronounced dead at St. Bernardine Medical Center at 3:21 a.m., the Coroner's Office said.

Firefighters responded to the two-story home in the 7200 block of Tippecanoe Avenue just north of the 10 Freeway at 2:14 a.m., said Eric Sherwin, a **San Bernardino County Fire** Department spokesman. They entered the house even as it was well-involved with fire and pulled out the victim, Sherwin said.

What sounded like ammunition exploding could be heard on a LoudLabs News video.

<https://www.dailybulletin.com/2021/04/17/woman-dies-after-home-burns-near-san-bernardino-detectives-investigate/amp/>

Woman dies and two persons are injured in house fire; man is arrested on charges of murder and attempted murder

Staff Writer, Fontana Herald News

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A woman died and two other persons were injured due to a residential fire, and a man was arrested on charges of murder and attempted murder in connection with the incident, according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

On Saturday, April 17 at 2:14 a.m., deputies from Central Station responded to 911 calls of a house fire in the 7200 block of Tippecanoe Avenue in San Bernardino.

Deputies arrived and found heavy smoke and flames at the rear of the house. Two victims had escaped the home but had returned inside attempting to rescue an elderly woman and were burned while doing so. Fire personnel arrived and made entry and were able to rescue the woman, later identified as 85-year-old Charolette Knight. Knight was transported to St. Bernadine's Hospital but succumbed to her injuries at 3:21 a.m.

Douglas Guyette, 68, was transported to the hospital with burn injuries and remains hospitalized in intensive care. Linda Guyette, 67, was also hospitalized with burn injuries and was treated and released. Due to the nature of the fire, detectives from the Homicide Detail and arson investigators from the Fire Department responded to conduct the investigation.

While at the scene, deputies contacted the Guyettes' son, 47-year-old Charles Christian. After processing evidence at the scene and conducting interviews, Christian was interviewed by homicide detectives. Following the interview, Christian was arrested and charged with murder and attempted murder.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/inland_empire_news/woman-dies-and-two-persons-are-injured-in-house-fire-man-is-arrested-on-charges/article_4e200eec-a004-11eb-a9fd-f79714435546.html

1 dead in San Bernardino area house fire

Staff Writer, KTLA News

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One person was pronounced dead after a fire tore through a San Bernardino area home early Saturday morning, official said.

Firefighters responded to the fire in an unincorporated area in the 7200 block of Tippecanoe Avenue around 2:15 a.m., **San Bernardino County Fire** Department officials said.

They arrived to find a two-story home ablaze and found out someone was inside.

“Crews initiated an aggressive fire attack and search to find potential victims,” a department spokesperson said.

One person was rescued from the home and treated at the scene before being transported to an area hospital and pronounced dead. Officials have not identified the deceased.

Crews remained at the scene Saturday morning to make sure the fire was extinguished and that there was no one else trapped inside the home.

Fire Department investigators and San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department arson investigators were called to the scene.

It’s unclear where the fire started or what ignited it. The cause of the fire is still under investigation and no further details were immediately available.

<https://ktla.com/news/local-news/1-dead-in-san-bernardino-area-house-fire/>

Crews tackle small brush fire in Sycamore Canyon near Cajon Pass

Jonah Valdez, San Gabriel Valley Tribune

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A wildfire burned through brush in Sycamore Canyon in San Bernardino County on April 17, 2021. (Courtesy of U.S. Forest Service)

A wildfire burned at least three acres of brush in Sycamore Canyon near the Cajon Pass in San Bernardino County on Saturday afternoon, and crews managed to stop its spread, authorities said.

The fire began to burn about 4:30 p.m. inside a small canyon and started to crawl up several slopes, consuming thick brush, said Lisa Cox, spokeswoman for the San Bernardino National Forest.

Weather conditions remained favorable for the engine crews with the U.S. Forest Service, Cal Fire, and **San Bernardino County fire** allowing firefighters to gain control over much of the fire, Cox said. Helicopters and airtankers also flew into the canyon to drop water and fire retardant. By 6 p.m. the forward rate of spread of the fire had been halted.

“If the wind was blowing harder, like it’s forecast to tomorrow, it probably would’ve made the run up the hill quicker,” Cox said. The fire had burned at a moderate rate of spread.

By early Sunday evening, the fire was fully contained.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2021/04/17/crews-tackle-small-brush-fire-in-sycamore-canyon-near-cajon-pass/>

Firefighters hold blaze in Cajon Pass to 3 acres on Saturday

Matthew Cabe, Victorville Daily Press

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The Sycamore Fire burned approximately 3 acres in the Cajon Pass on Saturday, April 17, 2021, before crews stopped the forward rate of spread. Courtesy of U.S. Forest Service

Firefighters with the U.S. Forest Service and other agencies battled a vegetation fire in the Cajon Pass on Saturday evening, with crews quickly gaining the upper hand, which kept the affected acreage at a minimum.

Dubbed the Sycamore Fire, the blaze burned approximately 3 acres in the Sycamore Canyon area of the Cajon Pass, according to a series of Forest Service tweets. The first tweet arrived at 5:11 p.m. Officials initially estimated 1 to 2 acres had burned, saying the fire had a moderate rate of spread.

San Bernardino County Fire and Cal Fire crews assisted the Forest Service in battling the fire, which broke out in steep terrain and remained small despite “heavy fuels,” the Forest Service said.

Crews stopped the fire’s forward spread at about 6 p.m. Saturday. The Forest Service said “hose lay or fire retardant surrounded the fire” at the same time. All aircraft had been released by that time, as well.

Before that, at least one aircraft could be seen dropping retardant on a smoky hillside in a Forest Service video.

Engine crews remained on scene overnight for mop-up work. The Forest Service did not say in its tweets how many firefighters and aircraft responded to the fire.

No injuries were reported, and the cause of fire remains under investigation.

<https://www.vvdailypress.com/story/news/fire/2021/04/18/crews-hold-blaze-cajon-pass-3-acres-saturday/7276622002/>

Crews extinguish 3-acre brush fire near river bottom in Colton

Quinn Wilson, San Bernardino Sun

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A three-acre brush fire near the Santa Ana River bottom in Colton briefly burned before fire crews were able to extinguish it on Sunday afternoon, April 18.

A call alerted the Colton Fire Department to the blaze near M Street at about 3:03 p.m. and the fire was successfully knocked down by around 3:40 p.m., according to Fire Chief Henry Perez. Crews remained on scene mopping up and monitoring any potential flare-ups, Perez said.

There was no indication as to the cause of the fire as of Sunday afternoon, Perez said. He also said there were no threats to the surrounding community.

The Loma Linda and **San Bernardino County fire** departments assisted in fighting the fire.

The flames ignited as much of Southern California was experiencing elevated fire weather conditions on Sunday, according to the National Weather Service. Northeast winds were projected to gust between 30 to 45 mph and the relative humidity was expected to fall between five and 10 percent in the afternoon, the NWS said.

Perez said that winds played a role in aiding the spread of the fire but did not cause a significant threat. As of 4 p.m. Sunday, a nearby NWS station in San Bernardino recorded a wind gust of 38 mph and other surrounding areas such as Chino Hills saw gusts as high as 46 mph, according to NWS data.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2021/04/18/crews-extinguish-3-acre-brush-fire-near-river-bottom-in-colton/>

Fire Sunday In Yucca Valley Started at Transient Camp

Staff Writer, z1077fm.com

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A 300-foot long section of desert burned behind the Tractor Supply store in Yucca Valley Sunday. Photo courtesy Gari Hogervorst.

A vegetation fire behind the Yucca Valley Tractor Supply store was most likely started by transients, according to **county fire**. Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said numerous residents saw smoke and flames behind the strip mall and called 911 just before 1 p.m. Sunday.

When firefighters from Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree arrived, they found a 30- by 100-foot strip of vegetation, trash, and debris on fire. Strong winds fanned the flames, but fire crews were able to stop its forward progress in about 10 minutes, but the fire burned about 300 feet along a block wall. McClintock said the fire's origin appeared to be adjacent to a transient camp in the area.

The Sheriff's Department searched the area but was unable to find any witnesses or suspects.

<http://z1077fm.com/fire-sunday-in-yucca-valley-started-at-transient-camp/>

Fontana Fire District and Fontana Rotary Club team up to donate ladder truck

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The Fontana Fire District, in partnership with the Fontana Rotary Club, recently donated a ladder truck to the Mexicali Fire Department. (Contributed photo by Fontana Rotary Club)

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"The 2002 American LaFrance ladder truck totes a 75' ladder, a 1500-gallon per minute pump (GPM), ground ladder compliment, and a 300-gallon water tank," said **San Bernardino County Fire** Public Information Officer Mike McClintock.

Prior to the donation, the ladder truck served the City of Fontana out of Fire Station 77, then was used in the reserve fleet.

The city of Mexicali in Baja California, Mexico, is home to more than 650,000 people. San Bernardino County Fire and the Fontana Fire District have worked hand in hand with the Fontana Rotary Club to facilitate multiple apparatus donations to fire departments in Mexico.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fontana-fire-district-and-fontana-rotary-club-team-up-to-donate-ladder-truck/article_d04d18c8-a122-11eb-8e53-b73fdb76978.html

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Next Week

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FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DRIVE-THRU COLLECTION
Saturday, April 24, 2021 9am - 1pm
57090 29 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley

DRIVE-THRU DETAILS FOR 1-DAY COLLECTION

- Open to San Bernardino County residents only. Identification required. No business-generated waste accepted.
- Waste must be properly labeled or in its original container.
- Containers cannot be larger than 5 gallons.
- Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.
- Containers must be sound and not leaking.
- Motor oil must be in a reusable, sealable container.
- Sharps/needles must be in approved biohazard container. Sharps container shall be in the passenger seat.
- Securely place waste in the back of the vehicle for safe transport.
- No Early Birds (waste brought before 9am will not be accepted).
- Waste must be accepted by County Fire Protection District personnel.

Town of Yucca Valley Community Center
north parking lot
57090 29 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 1.800.OILY.CAT (1.800.645.9228)
OR VISIT GREENSB.NET FOR A FULL LIST OF ACCEPTED/NON-ACCEPTED ITEMS

Cosponsored by San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, Town of Yucca Valley, and San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

THANK YOU FOR FOLLOWING THESE COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

- DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU HAVE ANY COVID SYMPTOMS.
- MASKS ARE REQUIRED.
- REMAIN INSIDE VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.

A hazardous waste collection event will be held in Yucca Valley NEXT Saturday, April 24. Reporter Joshua King says you can bring in your old electronics, motor oil, batteries, pesticides, and more...

On Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department will host a drive-through household hazardous waste collection at the Yucca Valley Community Center. Any San Bernardino County resident can attend the collection as long as the waste is from their home, Identification is required. Waste must be properly labeled and in its original container. Containers cannot be larger than 5 gallons and there is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.

Drop off items such as antifreeze, electronics, batteries, oil, oil filters, cosmetics, pesticides, and much more. Visit Greensb.net for a full list of accepted/non-accepted items.

Transport no more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds in containers larger than 5 gallons with lids. Containers must be sound and not leaking.

No business waste, tires, yard waste, asbestos, and solid waste will be accepted. Masks are required. Please have all waste in the back of the vehicle. (Except sharps/needles should be with driver)

For more information on waste disposal restrictions, see https://www.facebook.com/events/277753300684408/?active_tab=about

<http://z1077fm.com/household-hazardous-waste-collection-event-next-week/>