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INFORMATION RELEASE

UPDATE

Two Arrests Made in Vallejo Courthouse Arson

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Solano County Sheriff's Office

On August 5, 2010, at 11:09 am, Solano County Sheriff Detective's in conjunction with Solano County District Attorney Investigators and the Vallejo Fire Department executed a search warrant in the 2700 block of Webb Street in the city of Vallejo.

During the execution of the warrant, 40-year-old Vallejo resident Octavia Walton was arrested in connection with the Vallejo Courthouse arson case that was originally reported on June 30, 2010.

Subsequently, 31-year-old Vallejo resident Benjamin Stickel was also arrested in connection with the Vallejo Courthouse arson. Benjamin Stickel was in-custody in the Solano County Jail on unrelated charges at the time of his arrest.

Bail has been set at \$106,000 for both Walton and Stickel.

Summary of original press release dated June 30, 2010:

On June 30, 2010, at approximately 4:10 am, the Vallejo Fire Department received a fire alarm activation from the Vallejo Courthouse, which is located at 321 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo. The 3-alarm structure fire required a response from several fire agencies including Crockett, Benicia, Napa, and the Cordelia Fire District. The fire was eventually brought under control with damage mainly centered in the Court's Criminal Division offices.

Investigators from the Napa-Solano Fire Investigations Unit responded to the scene to investigate the cause and origin of the fire. Their investigation determined the fire to be an act of arson. Detectives from the Solano County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene to conduct the criminal investigation.

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