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Reward offered for information on arson fire

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An apparent arson fire that damaged a Commerce Township residence last week remains under investigation.

Oakland County Sheriff's Department Commerce Township Substation deputies are were called to the site of a structure fire in the 500 block of Meadows Circle around midnight on Wednesday, Sept. 3. Suspecting arson, a fire investigator has been called in.

According to deputies, witnesses reported seeing someone running from the rear of a trailer at the site and believe that something may have been thrown at it.

An investigation lead to the conclusion that an unknown person or persons set fire to an artificial plant that was outside at the back of the residence, leaning up against the house, which caused the residence to catch on fire. Most of the damage was done to the exterior, with some interior damage reported.

There were no injuries reported. Investigators have no suspects or leads at this time. A \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and/or a conviction is being offered through the Michigan Arson Prevention Committee. Witnesses with information about the case can call 1-800-44-ARSON.