



# **HAWTHORNE**

# **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Issued 10/23/09

*Suitable For Public Dissemination*

### **HPD Officers arrest two people for attempting to burn a down a house**

At around 2:45am early this morning (10/23/09), HPD Officers responded to a report of a suspicious subject in the area of 135<sup>th</sup> Street and Glasgow Place, Hawthorne. The subject appeared to be looking into the windows of a nearby house. He was observed pouring gasoline outside the home.

When the officers arrived, the subject took off running from the officers. The subject was apprehended after a brief foot pursuit.

Officers searched the area and located additional evidence (gasoline containers, several "Molotov cocktails", etc) indicating the subject was in the process of setting a house on fire (the home was occupied).

An additional suspect was located in the apparent getaway car parked nearby. Additional evidence of arson was also located in the vehicle.

Both subjects were placed under arrest and booked for attempted murder, arson, and other charges. Bail for both subjects is 2 million dollars.

There have been other attempts of arson to the same resident in the past year. Hawthorne Detectives are working with the LA County Fire Arson Investigator to see if the suspects arrested this morning may be involved in those crimes.

We are not releasing any further details of the incident at this time due to this being an active and ongoing investigation.

#### **Arrested:**

Jonathan Palomo, 18 years, from Los Angeles

Erik Bloom, 18 years old, from Dana Point