

# South Tahoe teen accused of arson

A 14-year-old Meyers boy was taken into custody Jan. 14 on suspicion of felony arson.

Because of his age his name is not being released.

El Dorado County sheriff's deputies went to 3574 Memory Lane early Monday on a suspicious circumstance call. They found a broken window and smoke pouring from what was supposed to be an unoccupied second home.

Lake Valley firefighters extinguished the fires inside the house.

Investigation revealed that multiple fires had been purposely set throughout the residence in an apparent effort to cause extensive damage. Continued investigation revealed suspect shoe print evidence at the scene, sheriff's Lt. Les Lovell said in a press release. "These prints indicated a single arsonist was most likely the responsible party."

Investigators followed leads that led them to the suspect.

"The mother allowed a visual inspection of shoes her son wears. One set of shoes matched the shoe prints found at the arson scene," Lovell said. "When confronted with this evidence, the boy admitted to being at the site of the arson."