

Suspects sought in 2 arsons at N. Nevada schools

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is seeking information regarding separate arson incidents that occurred recently at two elementary schools.

The incidents were discovered at Minden and Gardnerville elementary schools on the mornings of Aug. 18 and Aug. 19. In each of the incidents, evidence of the arson was discovered by school custodians.

Evidence consisted of blackened scorch marks on backboards of handball courts at both schools, as well as an exterior wall of the main office building at Minden Elementary School.

Also found at the scenes were broken glass bottles and wicks made from ripped cloth material. No flammable liquid was present, but it is believed the suspects filled glass containers with some type of flammable liquid, then set the cloth wicks afire, and threw the liquid filled glass bottles at the walls – similar to a Molotov cocktail. The incidents are being investigated by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and East Fork Fire and Paramedic District. A reward of \$500 is being offered to anyone with information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of the suspect(s). Your identity is not needed and you may remain anonymous.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is urged to call DCSO Investigator Ed Garren at (775) 782.9908, EFFPD Arson Inspector Terry Taylor at (775) 782.9861, or Secret Witness at (775) 782.7463.