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**Press Release**

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**Fire / Criminal Activity**

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On 07/29/2023 at 10:30 PM, both Salida Fire and Salida PD were dispatched to a fire, located at 610 Walnut St. The fire started outside the residence along a wooden fence. The fence caught fire, causing the fire to spread to the neighboring property. The fire began burning the neighboring trailer as Salida Fire arrived. By 10:36 PM the Fire Department had water on the structure and the fire was extinguished by 10:40 PM.

Once the Fire was extinguished, Police and Fire personnel examined the area of the fire. It was determined to have been started as a result of the negligence a person. Due to this, the Salida Police Department canvased the area. Multiple witnesses were interviewed as well as the homeowner of 610 Walnut. The Police Department then contacted CBI to obtain a Fire Investigator to process the scene.

The morning of 07/30/2023 a Fire Investigator arrived and processed the scene. The investigation concluded that this was started as a result of the negligence of a person. At this time, the Salida Police Department is actively investigating the case of Arson. We will continue to interview people in the coming days.

If you have any additional information or details about the case, please contact the Salida Police Department at 719-539-2596 or Chaffee County Crime Stoppers at 719-539-5299.

Chief Russell Johnson

