



Early Morning Fire

Shortly after 2:30am on Friday, December 13, the Santa Barbara City Fire Department responded to a structure fire in the 400 Block of West Cota Street. Engines 1, 2, 3, Truck 1 and Battalion 714 arrived to find a shed to the rear of a residence well involved in fire. Pre-connected hose lines were deployed to protect adjacent homes while the shed fire was knocked down. Bicycles and tools were among the contents destroyed in the fire. A residential structure adjacent to the fire received some exterior damage as a result of the heat.

Just minutes before the fire broke-out, the homeowner was awakened by noises coming from his front yard. The homeowner confronted a man he found sitting on his front porch who appeared to be intoxicated. Shortly after chasing the man off, the fire was observed coming from his backyard. The investigation is on-going, but this fire appears to be intentionally set. Authorities are attempting to locate the man for questioning.

