1313 Mocking Bird Lane

Arson Investigation

The Call

Date March 12, 2001
Time 10 PM
Run District: Advanced Fire Department
Initial Dispatch: Alarm system
Actual type: dwelling
Companies responding: E-1, E-2, L-1, DC 4
Fire was reported in the kitchen located in the center of the house.

Rescue was made from 2nd floor bedroom side A.

Layout of 1st Floor
Victim rescued from this room

FF Lazie rescued from this room

The Response Data

This report will give you a good time-line to begin your investigation
Statements

**FF Gerous:** front door was locked from the inside he and FF Younger made forced entry to front door. They encountered dense smoke and high heat levels and worked their way down the hall wall near the stairs. To the left of the stairs they saw the fire and proceeded to extinguish it.

Statements

**FF Younger** stated the same as above but added they had to back out of the building when they heard the “ALL OUT” signal. When they got out they saw FF Oldmen coming down the steps without FF Lazie. When they got out they saw FF Lazie at the window holding a child. FF Gerous carried down the child and she started working on her, she did notice the child had burns to the hand and arms and her hair was shinged.
**Statements**

**FF Oldmen** stated he and FF Lazie were searching the second floor when FF Lazie stated he was getting burned and he sounded the “ALL OUT” signal, the rest of his statement was the same as FF Younger.

**FF Stable** stated that a woman (Mrs. Ima D. Smith) ran down the street and told him that her daughter was still in the house. He radioed this information to the inside crew. He also added that Mrs Smith said that she had been visiting a friend up the street at the time of the fire.

**Statements**

Mrs. Ima D. Smith stated to the investigator that she was at home at the time of the fire and that she ran out of the house and up the street to a friend’s house to call the fire department (a Mr. Cause), she thought her daughter was following her. When asked how she thought the fire might have started she said she was using the burners on the stove to heat her house since the heater was broken.
Statements

Mrs. E Mertz (1320 Mocking Bird Lane) told the investigator that she saw Mrs. Smith leave the house about an hour before the fire and that she heard a smoke detector going off and called the fire department. She also said that while it was none of her business she believed Mrs. Smith to be a bad parent and she wasn’t surprised that the little girl tried to burn the house down.

The Fire Room

The fire was located in the kitchen on the stove top and extended into the cabinets, there was heat and smoke damage to both the first and second floors due to the proximity of the stair to the fire.