



# City of Edmonds Media Release

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## **SUSPICIOUS HOUSE FIRE DETERMINED TO BE ARSON SUSPECT IN CUSTODY-INVESTIGATION ONGOING**

Residents in a quiet Edmonds neighborhood were awoken in the early morning hours (3:30am) by the sound of a loud explosion. The first arriving patrol officers to the 9200 block of 224<sup>th</sup> ST SW, found the garage fully engulfed.

Neighbors reported hearing a loud explosion which prompted their calls. They told officers the house was vacant. One neighbor was able to provide surveillance video which showed a vehicle leaving the area. They said the adult son of the homeowner had that type of car.

Officers were able to locate a record for the adult son, a 65 year old man from the Town of Woodway. They found him at his Woodway address and he appeared to have just arrived home. He smelled of gasoline. He was arrested for investigation of arson, at which time officers found matches and a lighter in his pocket.

The man cooperated with investigators and was ultimately booked into the Snohomish County Jail for Arson.

Detectives have been working on this case since 4am and are still in the investigation process. Exact details related to the source of the fire are not available, as we continue to work with fire investigators on this case.

No further details are available at this time. We will provide updates as they become available.

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