

DFS Criminal Investigations Division

Case Master Report 25-2540

Date Initiated 08/13/2025

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Primary Information

Division: **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**
Bureau: **BUREAU OF FIRE, ARSON & EXPLOSIVES INVESTIGATIONS**
Region: **South Central**
Squad/Office: **Ft. Myers**
Lead LEO: **Quick, Lee (00100 / Ft. Myers / CID Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investig)**
Type Of Case: **BFAEI Fire**
Case Sub Type: **STRUCTURE**
Case Description: **Structure - 4451 Conch Shell Dr, Captiva - Taylor**
Total Time: **30:15**

Case Status

Case Status: **CLOSED**
Case Status Date: **08/28/2025**
Disposition Code: **Fire - Accidental**
Disposition Date: **08/28/2025**
Dissemination: **System Wide**

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Case Origination - BFAEI 25-2540

Report Date: 08/13/2025

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Primary Information

Description: **Structure - 4451 Conch Shell Dr, Captiva - Taylor**
Occurrence From: **08/13/2025 13:45**
Occurrence To: **08/13/2025 13:45**
Reporting LEO: **Quick, Lee (00100 / Ft. Myers / CID Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investig)**
Report Status: **Approved**
Report Status Date: **08/20/2025**
Approved By: **Minervini, Joseph A. (00019 / CID Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investig)**
Discovered/Reported: **Reported**
Reason: **DETERMINE ORIGIN AND CAUSE**
Requester: **Upper Captiva Fire Protection & Rescue UCFPR**
Injuries/Fatalities: **Injuries**

Response Information

Time Call Received: **08/13/2025 14:13**
Time Dispatched: **08/13/2025 14:13**
Time Arrived: **08/13/2025 16:47**
Time Completed: **08/13/2025 18:52**
Arrival On Call: **No**

Property Information

Smoke Detectors: **Unknown**

Agency Reference Numbers

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Case/File Number</u>
DFS Criminal Investigations Division	DFS25ON0002064

Synopsis

Upper Captiva Fire responded to a structure fire at 4471 Oyster Shell Dr. They encountered a fully involved structure fire and rescued two subjects from a pool behind the home. Both subjects were med flighted to Blake Medical Burn Unit in Bradenton. Water issues hampered fire fighting activity. The home was completely consumed except for heavy metals and some wooden support columns.

Address #1 - FIRE SCENE #1 - 4451 Conch Shell Dr

Primary Information

Address: **4451 Conch Shell Dr, Captiva, FLORIDA 33924 USA**
Office: **Ft. Myers**
Region: **South Central**

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Subject #1 - Fire Service #1 - COOLEY, FRED	
Primary Information	
Exempt From Disclosure:	YES
Subject Name:	COOLEY, FRED
Record Type:	FIRE SERVICE OFFICIAL
Bio:	WHITE, MALE
Rank:	FIRE INVESTIGATOR
Juvenile:	No
Relationship Information	
Extent Of Injury:	NONE
Telephones / E-Addresses	
<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Number/E-Address</u>
EMPLOYER/ WORK	(239) 321-7311x7356 (BUSINESS)

Subject #2 - Fire Service #2 - Underwood, Doug	
Primary Information	
Exempt From Disclosure:	YES
Subject Name:	Underwood, Doug
Record Type:	FIRE SERVICE OFFICIAL
Bio:	WHITE, MALE
Juvenile:	No
Relationship Information	
Extent Of Injury:	NONE

Subject #3 - VICTIM #1 - Patton, Sandra (Sandy) Jean	
Primary Information	
Subject Name:	Patton, Sandra (Sandy) Jean
Record Type:	PERSON
Bio:	65 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE
Birth Date:	08/09/1960
Juvenile:	No
Place Of Birth Country:	USA
Residence Status:	PERMANENT
Residence Type:	FLORIDA
Relationship Information	
Victim Type:	ADULT
Victim Rights Provided:	YES
Exempt From Disclosure:	No
Extent Of Injury:	INJURY FIRE

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Subject #3 - VICTIM #1 - Patton, Sandra (Sandy) Jean - Continued

Personal Information

US Citizen: **Yes**
Citizenship Country: **USA**

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
Home Address	200 Hobnail Dr, North Fort Myers, FLORIDA USA

Subject #4 - VICTIM #2 - Taylor, Richard James

Primary Information

Subject Name: **Taylor, Richard James**
Record Type: **PERSON**
Bio: **79 yr. old, WHITE, MALE**
Birth Date: **05/05/1946**
Juvenile: **No**
Place Of Birth Country: **USA**
Residence Status: **PERMANENT**
Residence Type: **OUT OF STATE**

Relationship Information

Victim Type: **ADULT**
Victim Rights Provided: **YES**
Exempt From Disclosure: **No**
Extent Of Injury: **INJURY FIRE**

Personal Information

US Citizen: **Yes**
Citizenship Country: **USA**

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
PERMANENT HOME	2320 Massey Ln, Decater, GEORGIA 30033 USA

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Origin and Cause/Primary Investigation - BFAEI 25-2540/1

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Primary Information

Description: **Structure - 4451 Conch Shell Dr, Captiva - Taylor**
Reporting LEO: **Quick, Lee (00100 / Ft. Myers / CID Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investig)**
Report Status: **Approved**
Report Status Date: **08/28/2025**
Approved By: **Minervini, Joseph A. (00019 / CID Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investig)**
Injuries/Fatalities: **Injuries**

Property Information

Property Description: **Single family dwelling**
Property Use: **Residential-Single Family Dwelling (Seasonal Use)**
Mobile: **No**
Single/Multi Story: **Multiple**
Square Footage: **1568**
Occupied: **Yes**
Abandoned: **No**
Estimated Value: **\$660,000.00**
Estimated Loss: **\$660,000.00**
Type Of Insurance: **Self Insured or No Policy**

Physical Evidence Information

Photo: **Yes**
Sketch: **Yes**
Debris: **No**
Latent Prints: **No**
Impression: **No**
Documents: **No**
Other Evidence: **No**

Fire Origin Information

<u>Area/Origin</u>	<u>Description</u>
Wall surface - Exterior	Home ignited by golf cart parked underneath

Insurance Information

Policy Number: **24VVDWFL000000065**
Claim Number: **2033470**
Insurance Company: **Mills Mehr & Associates, Inc**

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Address #1 - FIRE SCENE #1 - 4451 Conch Shell Dr

Primary Information

Address: 4451 Conch Shell Dr, Captiva, FLORIDA 33924 USA
Office: Ft. Myers
Region: South Central

Subject #1 - Fire Service #1 - COOLEY, FRED

Primary Information

Exempt From Disclosure: YES
Subject Name: COOLEY, FRED
Record Type: FIRE SERVICE OFFICIAL
Bio: WHITE, MALE
Rank: FIRE INVESTIGATOR
Juvenile: No

Telephones / E-Addresses

Relationship	Number/E-Address
EMPLOYER/ WORK	(239) 321-7311x7356 (BUSINESS)

Subject #2 - Fire Service #2 - Cottrell, Jesse

Primary Information

Exempt From Disclosure: YES
Subject Name: Cottrell, Jesse
Record Type: FIRE SERVICE OFFICIAL
Juvenile: No

Relationship Information

Extent Of Injury: NONE

Subject #3 - Fire Service #3 - Cpurtnik, Andrew

Primary Information

Exempt From Disclosure: YES
Subject Name: Cpurtnik, Andrew
Record Type: FIRE SERVICE OFFICIAL
Juvenile: No

Relationship Information

Extent Of Injury: NONE

Subject #4 - Fire Service #4 - Danielson, Scott

Primary Information

Exempt From Disclosure: YES

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Subject #4 - Fire Service #4 - Danielson, Scott - Continued

Primary Information - Continued

Subject Name:	Danielson, Scott
Record Type:	FIRE SERVICE OFFICIAL
Bio:	WHITE, MALE
Rank:	Investigator
Juvenile:	No

Relationship Information

Extent Of Injury: **NONE**

Subject #5 - Fire Service #5 - Underwood, Doug

Primary Information

Exempt From Disclosure:	YES
Subject Name:	Underwood, Doug
Record Type:	FIRE SERVICE OFFICIAL
Bio:	WHITE, MALE
Juvenile:	No

Subject #6 - Owner #1 - Taylor, Ann

Primary Information

Subject Name:	Taylor, Ann
Record Type:	PERSON
Bio:	56 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE
Birth Date:	07/25/1969
Juvenile:	No
Place Of Birth Country:	USA
Residence Status:	PERMANENT
Residence Type:	OUT OF STATE

Personal Information

US Citizen:	Yes
Citizenship Country:	USA

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
Home Address	2320 Massey Ln, Decater, GEORGIA 30033 USA

Telephones / E-Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Number/E-Address</u>
CELLULAR PHONE	(404) 550-5314

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Subject #7 - VICTIM #1 - Patton, Sandra (Sandy) Jean

Primary Information

Subject Name: **Patton, Sandra (Sandy) Jean**
Record Type: **PERSON**
Bio: **65 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE**
Birth Date: **08/09/1960**
Juvenile: **No**
Place Of Birth Country: **USA**
Residence Status: **PERMANENT**
Residence Type: **FLORIDA**

Relationship Information

Victim Type: **ADULT**
Victim Rights Provided: **YES**
Exempt From Disclosure: **No**
Extent Of Injury: **INJURY FIRE**

Personal Information

US Citizen: **Yes**
Citizenship Country: **USA**

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
Home Address	200 Hobnail Dr, North Fort Myers, FLORIDA USA

Subject #8 - VICTIM #2 - Taylor, Richard James

Primary Information

Subject Name: **Taylor, Richard James**
Record Type: **PERSON**
Bio: **79 yr. old, WHITE, MALE**
Birth Date: **05/05/1946**
Juvenile: **No**
Place Of Birth Country: **USA**
Residence Status: **PERMANENT**
Residence Type: **OUT OF STATE**

Relationship Information

Victim Type: **ADULT**
Victim Rights Provided: **YES**
Exempt From Disclosure: **No**
Extent Of Injury: **INJURY FIRE**

Personal Information

US Citizen: **Yes**

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Subject #8 - VICTIM #2 - Taylor, Richard James - Continued

Personal Information - Continued

Citizenship Country: **USA**

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
PERMANENT HOME	2320 Massey Ln, Decater, GEORGIA 30033 USA

Subject #9 - WITNESS #1 - Kolakowski, William Jarrett

Primary Information

Subject Name: **Kolakowski, William Jarrett**
Record Type: **PERSON**
Bio: **47 yr. old, WHITE, MALE**
Birth Date: **03/19/1978**
Juvenile: **No**
Place Of Birth Country: **USA**
Residence Status: **PERMANENT**
Residence Type: **CITY**

Personal Information

US Citizen: **Yes**
Citizenship Country: **USA**

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
HOME/LOCAL	1618 SW 14Th St, Cape Coral, FLORIDA 33991 USA

Subject #10 - WITNESS #2 - Park, Michael Christian

Primary Information

Subject Name: **Park, Michael Christian**
Record Type: **PERSON**
Bio: **27 yr. old, WHITE, MALE**
Birth Date: **01/06/1998**
Juvenile: **No**
Place Of Birth State: **NEW YORK**
Place Of Birth Country: **United States of America**
Residence Status: **UNKNOWN**
Residence Type: **UNKNOWN**

Personal Information

US Citizen: **Yes**
Citizenship Country: **United States of America**
Photo: **Yes**

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Subject #10 - WITNESS #2 - Park, Michael Christian - Continued

Personal Information - Continued

Deceased: **No**

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
Home Address	711 NE 15Th Ter, Cape Coral, FLORIDA 33909 USA

Telephones / E-Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Number/E-Address</u>
CELLULAR NUMBER	(239) 297-7247 T-Mobile (CELLULAR)

Narrative

State of Florida
Department of Financial Services
Criminal Investigations Division

Origin and Cause Report

CASE NUMBER:

25-2540
FHP CAD #DFS25ON0002064
SYNOPSIS

On August 13th, 2025, the Upper Captiva Fire Department (UCFD) responded to a reported structure fire at 4451 Conch Shell Dr, Captiva. They encountered a fully involved structure fire. After rescuing two subjects they began extinguishment of the fire. After using the initial 2000 gallons of water they switched to drafting water for suppression activities. The structure was a complete loss with only heavy metal items and partial wooden support columns remaining. Because the fire activated the Lee County Arson Task Force, LCATF, the Bureau of Fire, Arson, & Explosives Investigations (BFAEI) was automatically contacted to assist with determination of the origin & cause. Lt. J. Minervini, BFAEI obtained the necessary information for response and he in turn contacted me to respond. The Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) assisted also.

PARTICIPATING FIRE INVESTIGATORS: Fred Cooley, LCATF; Scott Danielson, LCATF; Doug Underwood, LCATF

WITNESS REPORTS:

Fire Discovery: Resident Ann Taylor discovered smoke coming from under her deck. Witnesses William Kolakowski and Michael Park also witnessed the event.

First Arriving Official(s): UCFD

Fire Suppression: Contact UCFD for suppression activities.

SCENE DESCRIPTION

The scene is a multi-story dwelling comprised of wood construction elevated on wooden columns. The roof was metal. The Lee County Property Appraiser records show the home was placed on the tax rolls in 2010. The home was connected to utilities at the time of the fire.

FIRE SCENE EXAMINATION

A comprehensive scene examination was conducted in accordance with the recommended guidelines outlined in NFPA 921 - Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations (2024 Edition). A systematic approach was used; examination progressed from outside to inside and from areas suspected of having the least damage to areas of greater damage with emphasis on recognition, identification, and analysis of fire and heat patterns.

The fire scene was examined and photographed with my issued Canon EOS 70D digital camera.

EXTERIOR OBSERVATION: (Images 1245 - 1280)

I conducted an exterior examination of the home starting on the roadway side which faces north. I walked counterclockwise around the remnants of the home starting at the north side.

The home was completely consumed. The metal roof was pulled from the debris pile to finish suppression. Only heavy metal objects and some large wooden columns remained. All remaining columns had severe damage.

INTERIOR OBSERVATION: (Interior was elevated and no longer exists)

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There was no interior left to examine.

I began looking at various hypotheses for the cause of the fire:

There was no discernable information from the scene itself to narrow down hypotheses. During my investigation three different parties stated the fire started on a golf cart under the home. All had a clear view that fire existed on the golf cart prior to ignition of the adjacent home.

AREA OF ORIGIN:

I concluded the fire originated on / within a golf cart as a result of an unknown electrical / mechanical issue.

Evidence:

Digital photographs

No debris samples were collected because the fire was accidental and would therefore serve no value in this case.

Exposures:

4461 Conch Shell Dr, Captiva

Number of Fatalities and/or Injuries:

2 critical injuries

Estimated Value and Loss:

Estimated loss is \$660,000.00.

Weather:

The weather was evaluated prior to, during, and after the fire. There were no adverse weather conditions in the area. (Weather data reviewed at Weather Underground)

CONCLUSION

I used a systematic approach in my application of the scientific method. After my examination of the fire scene, examination of physical evidence, knowledge of fire development, and additional information, I determined the fire likely originated in/on a golf cart that was being charged under the home potentially from an electrical or mechanical issue. After ignition the fire continued unabated with available oxygen until extinguishment. The fire is deemed accidental.

I reserve the right to amend or supplement this report if information changes or additional facts or information become available.

REPORT STATUS

Recommend closure of this report.

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General Investigations Report (GIR) 25-2540/2

Report Date: 08/14/2025

Primary Information

Description: **Structure - 4451 Conch Shell Dr, Captiva - Taylor**
Occurrence From: **08/13/2025 13:45**
Occurrence To: **08/13/2025 13:45**
Reporting LEO: **Quick, Lee (00100 / Ft. Myers / CID Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investig)**
Report Status: **Approved**
Report Status Date: **08/28/2025**
Approved By: **Minervini, Joseph A. (00019 / CID Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investig)**
Cause Of Fire: **ACCIDENTAL**

Address #1 - FIRE SCENE #1 - 4451 Conch Shell Dr

Primary Information

Address: **4451 Conch Shell Dr, Captiva, FLORIDA 33924 USA**
Office: **Ft. Myers**
Region: **South Central**

Subject #1 - Owner #1 - Taylor, Ann

Primary Information

Subject Name: **Taylor, Ann**
Record Type: **PERSON**
Bio: **56 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE**
Birth Date: **07/25/1969**
Juvenile: **No**
Place Of Birth Country: **USA**
Residence Status: **PERMANENT**
Residence Type: **OUT OF STATE**

Personal Information

US Citizen: **Yes**
Citizenship Country: **USA**

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
Home Address	2320 Massey Ln, Decater, GEORGIA 30033 USA

Telephones / E-Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Number/E-Address</u>
CELLULAR PHONE	(404) 550-5314

Subject #2 - WITNESS #1 - Kolakowski, William Jarrett

Primary Information

Subject Name: **Kolakowski, William Jarrett**
Record Type: **PERSON**

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Report Date: 08/14/2025

Subject #2 - WITNESS #1 - Kolakowski, William Jarrett - Continued

Primary Information - Continued

Bio: 47 yr. old, WHITE, MALE
Birth Date: 03/19/1978
Juvenile: No
Place Of Birth Country: USA
Residence Status: PERMANENT
Residence Type: CITY

Personal Information

US Citizen: Yes
Citizenship Country: USA

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
HOME/LOCAL	1618 SW 14Th St, Cape Coral, FLORIDA 33991 USA

Subject #3 - WITNESS #2 - Park, Michael Christian

Primary Information

Subject Name: Park, Michael Christian
Record Type: PERSON
Bio: 27 yr. old, WHITE, MALE
Birth Date: 01/06/1998
Juvenile: No
Place Of Birth State: NEW YORK
Place Of Birth Country: United States of America
Residence Status: UNKNOWN
Residence Type: UNKNOWN

Personal Information

US Citizen: Yes
Citizenship Country: United States of America
Photo: Yes
Deceased: No

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
Home Address	711 NE 15Th Ter, Cape Coral, FLORIDA 33909 USA

Telephones / E-Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Number/E-Address</u>
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**Department of Financial Services
Criminal Investigations Division**

General Investigations Report

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I talked with Michael Park (date of birth 01/06/1998) via telephone. Park was working outside across the road when he heard popping noises. He eventually looked across the street and saw fire. He stated the only active fire at that time was coming from a golf cart parked under the west side of the home. He immediately ran across the street and began trying to alert the residents of the fire.

I talked with William Kolakowski (date of birth 03/19/1979) via telephone. Kolakowski was working across the street with Park. He was alerted to the loud popping noises by Park. When Kolakowski looked across the street, he also saw fire solely coming from the golf cart on the west side of the home. Fire was moving upward onto the home. He ran with Park to assist the residents. He went to the rear fence and jumped inside. After contacting the occupants at the rear of the home he helped get them in the pool. Kolakowski was able to exit the fenced enclosure after the fire became too intense.

Detective Fulcher contacted Ann Taylor (date of birth 07/25/1969), owner and occupant. He completed a supplement detailing her information about the fire. She also provided the same information that the fire was solely on the golf cart when she discovered smoke coming up to the second-floor deck. She confirmed the golf cart was being charged at the time of the fire.

I requested reports and received responses from Upper Captiva Fire and the Lee County Sheriff's Office. The information provided is attached to this supplement.

I contacted Blake Medical Burn Center several times over the following week. Both Patton & Taylor remained stable but unable to communicate.

The level of destruction to the home lends itself to an undetermined conclusion because multiple hypotheses can exist without exclusion. However, with three separate parties observing the fire between incipient and growth stages I can surmise there was an electrical and/or mechanical event that caused the golf cart fire. This fire will be classified as accidental.

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Exposure Loss - BFAEI 25-2540/3

Report Date: 08/14/2025

Primary Information

Description: 4461 Conch Shell Dr, Captiva
Reporting LEO: Quick, Lee (00100 / Ft. Myers / CID Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investig)
Report Status: Approved
Report Status Date: 08/25/2025
Approved By: Minervini, Joseph A. (00019 / CID Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investig)
Cause Of Fire: ACCIDENTAL
Injuries/Fatalities: None

Property Information

Property Description: Single family dwelling
Property Use: Residential-Single Family Dwelling (Seasonal Use)
Mobile: No
Single/Multi Story: Multiple
Square Footage: 1110
Occupied: No
Abandoned: No
Estimated Value: \$915,173.00
Estimated Loss: \$10,000.00
Type Of Insurance: Ins. Type Not Reported

Fire Origin Information

<u>Area/Origin</u>	<u>Description</u>
Wall surface - Exterior	Thermal damage to windows, ac, water system

Address #1 - EXPOSURE #1 - 4461 Conch Shell Dr

Primary Information

Address: 4461 Conch Shell Dr, Captiva, FLORIDA 33924 USA
Office: Ft. Myers
Region: South Central

Subject #1 - BUSINESS #1 - Magic Po'Cean Bungalow

Primary Information

Subject Name: Magic Po'Cean Bungalow
Record Type: BUSINESS

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
HOME/LOCAL	173 Overlook Dr, Loveland, OHIO 45140 USA

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Exposure Loss - BFAEI 25-2540/3

Report Date: 08/14/2025

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The residence at 4461 Conch Shell Dr, Captiva sustained thermal damage to two hurricane windows as well as the pool heater and water system. Approximate damage \$10,000.00.

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Supplement 25-2540/4

Report Date: 08/14/2025

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Primary Information

Description: Supplement - Assist / Structure - 4471 Oyster Shell Dr, Captiva - Taylor
Reporting LEO: Fulcher, Gregory (00613 / Ft. Myers / CID Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investig)
Report Status: Approved
Report Status Date: 08/15/2025
Approved By: Minervini, Joseph A. (00019 / CID Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investig)

Address #1 - LOCATION OCCURED #1 - 2020 59Th St W

Primary Information

Address: 2020 59Th St W Blake Medical Center, Bradenton, FLORIDA 34209 USA
Description: Blake Medical Center
Office: Tampa
Region: South Central

Subject #1 - Owner #1 - Taylor, Ann

Primary Information

Subject Name: Taylor, Ann
Record Type: PERSON
Bio: 56 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE
Birth Date: 07/25/1969
Juvenile: No
Place Of Birth Country: USA
Residence Status: PERMANENT
Residence Type: OUT OF STATE

Personal Information

US Citizen: Yes
Citizenship Country: USA

Addresses

Relationship	Address
Home Address	2320 Massey Ln, Decater, GEORGIA 30033 USA

Telephones / E-Addresses

Relationship	Number/E-Address
CELLULAR PHONE	(404) 550-5314

Subject #2 - MEDICAL PERSONNEL #1 - Ritchie, Chelsea

Primary Information

Exempt From Disclosure: YES

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Subject #2 - MEDICAL PERSONNEL #1 - Ritchie, Chelsea - Continued

Primary Information - Continued

Subject Name: Ritchie, Chelsea
Record Type: PERSON
Bio: WHITE, FEMALE
Juvenile: No
Place Of Birth Country: USA
Residence Status: PERMANENT
Residence Type: FLORIDA

Personal Information

US Citizen: Yes
Citizenship Country: USA

Employment Information

Employed: Yes
Occupation: Registered Nurse

Subject #3 - VICTIM #1 - Patton, Sandra (Sandy) Jean

Primary Information

Subject Name: Patton, Sandra (Sandy) Jean
Record Type: PERSON
Bio: 65 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE
Birth Date: 08/09/1960
Juvenile: No
Place Of Birth Country: USA
Residence Status: PERMANENT
Residence Type: FLORIDA

Personal Information

US Citizen: Yes
Citizenship Country: USA

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
Home Address	200 Hobnail Dr, North Fort Myers, FLORIDA USA

Subject #4 - VICTIM #2 - Taylor, Richard James

Primary Information

Subject Name: Taylor, Richard James
Record Type: PERSON
Bio: 79 yr. old, WHITE, MALE
Birth Date: 05/05/1946

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Supplement 25-2540/4

Report Date: 08/14/2025

Subject #4 - VICTIM #2 - Taylor, Richard James - Continued

Primary Information - Continued

Juvenile: No
Place Of Birth Country: USA
Residence Status: PERMANENT
Residence Type: OUT OF STATE

Personal Information

US Citizen: Yes
Citizenship Country: USA

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
PERMANENT HOME	2320 Massey Ln, Decater, GEORGIA 30033 USA

Narrative

State of Florida
Department of Financial Services
Criminal Investigations Division

Supplemental Report
Assist Report

CASE NUMBER: 25-2540

On August 13, 2025, I, Detective Greg Fulcher, was informed Detective Lee Quick was responding to a fire scene of a structure involving a residential dwelling at address of 4471 Oyster Shell Dr, North Captiva, in which two individuals were transported via helicopter to Blake Medical Center Burn Unit. I subsequently responded to the medical center as an assisting investigator.

Upon arrival at the hospital, a Bradenton Police Department (BPD) Officer was awaiting arrival of any investigator. He provided escort directly to the nursing station where two burn patients were brought in by helicopter were located. Charge Nurse Chelsea Ritchie advised they received two patients, one male and one female and both were intubated. The male was taken to the 5th floor where the Burn Unit is located, and the female was in the emergency room awaiting transfer to the 5th floor.

Visual identification was made of the female. Medical staff believed her to be Sandy Patton born 08-09-60. The BPD officer aided in verifying the identity of the female as being Sandy. Photographs were taken of Sandy. Her face and shoulders had visible burn injuries. Nurse Ritchie advised Sandy had significant soot in her nose and throat. (Photographs were burned to CD for archiving and provided to Detective Quick).

The officer provided escort to the 5th floor where the male was located. Visual identification was made of the male who was believed to be Richard (Rich) Taylor born 05-05-46. He had significant burn wounds above his shoulders and to his face and head. Contact was made with Detective Quick as no official verified confirmation the male was Rich. (Photographs were burned to CD for archiving and provided to Detective Quick).

Upon identifying and verifying the patients in the hospital, a female was encountered in the Emergency Room, who was identified as Ann Taylor, the wife of Richard. Ann verified the identity of the two patients at the hospital as being Sandy Patton and her husband, Richard. Ann provided recorded a statement in which she indicated the following:

She, her husband, Richard Taylor and his home medical caretaker Sandy Patton were at the residence on Oyster Shell Dr. Rich had suffered a medical condition in which he required continuous medical care, and he is mobile by guided wheelchair. They were all home at the dwelling when the fire occurred.

She was outside on the upper floor (living space area) decking when she saw smoke coming up from under the deck. She went to the look under the deck for what the smoke was from and saw their 2023 golf cart, which was parked under the living space area of the dwelling, on fire. She ran into the house to get Sandy and Rich out. As they were trying to get Rich to the door, the smoke was heavier,

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and fire was growing. She knew construction workers were at the residence across the street. She ran down the stairs to get help. Once outside and down the stairs the construction workers were already running toward the house to help. The workers aided and were able to get to Sandy and Rich, and the get them out of the dwelling just prior to the dwelling being fully engulfed with flames.

Rich and Sandy were burned and taken by emergency services off the island.

She indicated Sandy was on the golf cart earlier in the morning and parked it around the 11:00 hour. She said Sandy entered the dwelling and said the golf car was plugged back into the charger. She said they use the golf cart to travel about the island.

Ann was given a fire victim pamphlet.

The BPD officer escorted Ann to the 5th floor.

I had no further involvement in the investigation.

It is recommended this supplement report be closed.

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Case Closing 25-2540/5

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Warning
Contains entities exempt from disclosure

Primary Information	
Description:	Case closure
Occurrence From:	08/26/2025 13:42
Occurrence To:	08/26/2025 13:42
Reporting LEO:	Quick, Lee (00100 / Ft. Myers / CID Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investig)
Report Status:	Approved
Report Status Date:	08/28/2025
Approved By:	Minervini, Joseph A. (00019 / CID Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investig)

Address #1 - FIRE SCENE #1 - 4451 Conch Shell Dr	
Primary Information	
Address:	4451 Conch Shell Dr, Captiva, FLORIDA 33924 USA
Office:	Ft. Myers
Region:	South Central

Subject #1 - Fire Service #1 - COOLEY, FRED	
Primary Information	
Exempt From Disclosure:	YES
Subject Name:	COOLEY, FRED
Record Type:	FIRE SERVICE OFFICIAL
Bio:	WHITE, MALE
Rank:	FIRE INVESTIGATOR
Juvenile:	No
Telephones / E-Addresses	
<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Number/E-Address</u>
EMPLOYER/ WORK	(239) 321-7311x7356 (BUSINESS)

Narrative
PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
Case Closing Type Description
Acquittal In a jury trial, the subject was acquitted of all charges.
Allegation Unfounded The detective determined the allegations to be without merit.
Arrest Primary Offense/2nd Offense without prosecution

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Defendant was successfully prosecuted on another case.

Below Threshold

After a case is opened and assigned, and before substantial investigative hours are expended, if it is discovered that the fraud value is considerably less than previously indicated, and such fraud value was the determining factor in the case assignment, and such factors may impact prosecutorial success, the detective may request the case be closed.

Civil Case

There is no criminal violation, but civil violations and possible remedies exist. Note: The lieutenant is required to notify the complainant of the clearance/remedies.

Consolidated with another case

The case has been closed and consolidated with a case that was opened at an earlier date.

Created in Error

Case was created in error

Death of Offender /Victim /Witness

The Lieutenant determines that the death of a key suspect, victim, or witness in the case will impact the prosecutorial success of the case.

Deported

Subject of the investigation was deported

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Fire - Accidental

BFAEI detectives determine fire to be accidental.

Fire - Natural

BFAEI detectives determine fire to be natural

Fire - Undetermined

BFAEI detectives are unable to determine the cause of fire

Fugitive

With the approval of the regional captain or designee, the designated supervisor will review cases meeting the following criteria:

1. Open-fugitive cases a minimum of five years old with limited impact in that specific region.
2. Cases where the probability of locating and prosecuting the defendant is unlikely or cases where there is evidence to believe the defendant has fled the country and whereabouts remain unknown. Cases meeting this criterion will be closed - Fugitive

Criteria:
Availability of Personal Identifying Information: fugitive has used fictitious personal information, and no other information is known
Extradition status: extradition status is limited to Florida only, and the fugitive is believed to be out of country or state.

No New Leads: No new addresses or employment information has been located on fugitive.

The subject is incarcerated on other charges.

Lack of Support: The severity of charges, outside state law enforcement agencies are unwilling to assist in apprehension efforts.

Fugitive: Failure to Appear

A bench warrant has been issued for failure to appear in court.

Insufficient Evidence / No Further Leads

The investigation reveals there is insufficient evidence to support the allegations or to successfully prosecute the case, or no further leads.

Juvenile

Fire cases only. If the juvenile is 13 years of age or younger and no criminal charges are filed.

Mentally Incompetent to Stand Trial

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Subject of the investigation is mentally incompetent to stand trial

No Response to demand by Reporter

Additional information requested from the complainant was not received after multiple attempts (telephonic and written contact was made with the reporter resulted with no response).

Nolle Prossed

After an arrest has been made, the prosecutorial agency declined to prosecute the case after an arrest has been made.

Other

No other Case Closing Types apply. A detailed reason must be provided in the below Comments Section.

Other Agency Assist Completed

The Division's participation in the case is no longer required.

Out of Country

Subject of the investigation is out of the country

Out of State

Subject of the investigation is out of the state

Prosecution Declined

The prosecutorial agency declined to prosecute the case after reviewing the presentation. (no arrest made in the case)

Statute of Limitations Expired

Statute of limitations for the allegations expired.

Successful Prosecution

To choose this disposition type, a Successful Prosecution Report must be present in the case. Any of the following actions constitute a successful prosecution:

- Placed into a Pre-Trial Diversion Program
- Convicted and Adjudicated Guilty
- Convicted and Adjudication was Withheld
- Restitution was ordered (Note: Case may have been nolle-prossed)

(A copy of the final order MUST be attached to the Successful Prosecution Report in ACISS)

Turned over to Another Agency

It was determined that the Division had no jurisdiction, and the case was referred to the appropriate agency; or it was determined that another agency is investigating the same allegations.

Note: The detective shall document the agency with whom the case is turned over in the below comments section.

Victim/Witness Failed to Cooperate

A key victim or witness refused to cooperate, wherein such cooperation will negatively impact successful prosecution.

Warrant Rescinded

Warrant was rescinded

Comments Section:

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