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ARSON SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

On October 11, 2007, at about 7:22 P.M., Arapahoe County Sheriff's Deputies and the Cunningham Fire Department responded on a report of a fire at the King Soopers Store located at 19711 East Smoky Hill Road. The fire was reported to be in a barbeque grill. It was actually discovered that someone had placed approximately 10 – 12 books of matches on one of the shelves containing numerous bags of charcoal, books of matches, and cans of charcoal starter fluid. In reviewing the stores security surveillance system, it shows a juvenile male in the area. A short time later, customers noticed smoke. The fire burned an area about eighteen inches across, and did not spread to the other bags of charcoal.

On October 12, 2007, surveillance photographs of the suspect were distributed to the School Resource Officers of neighboring schools, in an attempt to identify the suspect. The suspect, a 13-year-old male who attends Thunder Ridge Middle School, was identified from the photographs. At about 12:40 P.M., the suspect was taken into custody and transported to the Arapahoe County Juvenile Assessment Center. The suspect was charged with the following criminal violation:

18-4-103 C.R.S. – Second degree arson, a Class 4 Felony.

This violation is punishable, upon conviction, of a consequence to be determined by the juvenile court.

Bond was set in the amount of \$50,000.

For additional information, please contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720. 874.4165.

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