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## HPD Searching for Arson Suspect

Harrisonburg, Va. – On March 3, 2018 around 12:40 P.M. the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) and Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) responded to the 200 block of Broad Street for a reported fire. HPD Officers arrived on location and while approaching the front of the residence discovered smoke coming from an upstairs apartment.

Once inside the residence HPD Officers discovered two juveniles inside amongst heavy smoke, both were ok. The residence was then secured and it was determined that there was no longer an active fire inside the home.

HFD Fire Marshal responded to the scene and determined that the fire was set intentionally. The suspect in the case was identified as Tomas Miguel Villegas Garcia. Garcia is described as a white male, 28 years old, height 5'11" and weighs 135 pounds (Photo Attached).

The Fire Marshal has obtained a warrant for 18.2-26/18.2-77 Attempt to maliciously burn an occupied dwelling belonging to a family or household member. HPD is still investigating additional crimes related to this incident.

This incident is still under investigation. The Harrisonburg Police Department requests that anyone with information related to this incident contact HPD's Major Crimes Unit by calling (540) 437-2640 or Emergency Communication Center non-emergency number 540-434-4436. Callers can provide anonymous tips at Crime Solvers: 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text "HPD" plus the tip to CRIMES (274637).

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