

## PRESS RELEASE

### **For Immediate Release**

**July 8, 2011**

**2:10 p.m.**

#### **Update 2:**

The investigation into Tuesday morning's fire and assault at 1201 Pomona Street continues. Fire investigators, assisted by K9 Shadow from the Longmont Fire Department, have determined the fire was intentionally set with several points of origin. The majority of the fire impacts were contained to the upstairs master bedroom. The type of accelerant used has been sent to CBI for identification.

The victim, Lydia Tillman, remains hospitalized and police investigators do not anticipate being able to speak with her in the near future.

Ms. Tillman recently moved to Fort Collins from Longmont, CO about one month ago and was living alone in the apartment. Due to her recent relocation, it appears she may have known very few people in town. Ms. Tillman is one of seven sales representatives in Colorado for the Natural Wine Company, a distributor of wines headquartered in Denver, CO. She previously lived in New York City before coming to Colorado.

Her family is with her at the hospital and asks that anyone who may have information about this crime or her activities on July 4 and 5 to contact Detective Jaclyn Shaklee at 970-221-6575 or Crime Stoppers of Larimer County at 970-221-6868.

### **For Immediate Release**

**July 5, 2011**

**2:25 p.m.**

#### **Update 1:**

Fort Collins police and Poudre Fire Authority are continuing to investigate the early morning fire at 1201 Pomona Street. The victim who was originally taken to the Medical Center of the Rockies (MCR) has since been transported to University Hospital in Denver for treatment. The victim is identified as 30 year-old Lydia Tillman, of Fort Collins. Ms. Tillman recently moved from Longmont, CO and was living alone in the apartment.

Detectives have been unable to speak with the victim due to the extent of her injuries. Physicians at MCR have confirmed she was physically assaulted as well as sustained injuries due to the fire and jumping from the 2<sup>nd</sup> story window. Police are working to re-trace her activities yesterday and interviewing family, friends and associates in an attempt to learn more about the victim and who may be responsible for this crime. While detectives have reported there does not appear to be forced entry into the apartment, citizens are reminded to be attentive to personal safety at all times. Crime prevention tips may be found at [fcgov.com/police/crime-prevention](http://fcgov.com/police/crime-prevention).

Anyone with information about this incident or the victim's activities on July 4 is asked to contact Detective Jaclyn Shaklee at 970-221-6575 or Crime Stoppers of Larimer County at 970-221-6868 where you will remain anonymous and possibly be eligible for a cash reward. Crime Stoppers may also be reached through their Web site at [www.stopcriminals.org](http://www.stopcriminals.org).

**Original  
Press Release**

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**July 5, 2011**

**Fort Collins Police and Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) Investigate Fire**

On Tuesday, July 5, the Poudre Emergency Communications Center (PECC) received a 9-1-1 call from a citizen at 5:33 a.m. reporting an apartment fire at 1201 Pomona Street. According to the caller, smoke was seen coming from an upstairs window on the south side of the apartment.

Fort Collins Police, Poudre Fire Authority (PFA), and paramedics arrived on scene around 5:37 a.m. and found the apartment on fire and a 30 year-old woman in the backyard who had apparently jumped from a 2<sup>nd</sup> story window. Although it is early in the investigation, it appears the woman may have been the victim of an assault and sustained injuries in the fire. Upon arrival, PFA crews entered the home and determined there were no other occupants in the apartment.

The woman was transported to the Medical Center of the Rockies where she is in critical condition.

PFA and FCPS are investigating the nature of the fire. An investigation into the incident continues.

Further information will be provided by press release as it becomes available.

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