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Fire destroys shed on West Willox Lane

PFA firefighters and Larimer County Sheriff Deputies responded on Tuesday morning to a structure fire in the 600 block of West Willox Lane.

The initial 911 call came in at 6:30 a.m., and the first PFA engine was on scene at 603 W. Willox Lane at 6:35 a.m. Upon arrival, firefighters found a shed fully involved in flames. It was brought under control at 7:14 a.m.

WILLIAM RAY HANNAH (DOB: 12/04/1960), a transient, was living in a shed on the property. He was treated at the scene for minor burns and medically released.

After processing the scene, a PFA investigator determined the fire was not set intentionally. It started after the propane heater HANNAH had been using to heat the shed fell over onto his sleeping bag, igniting the sleeping bag and, subsequently, the shed. The shed was destroyed in the fire, which also caused extensive damage to a nearby van and camper. Damages are estimated to be between $3,000 and $5,000.

Larimer County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested HANNAH at the scene for an outstanding criminal warrant. After the cause of the fire was determined, LCSO deputies also charged HANNAH with Fourth Degree Arson, and issued a criminal summons. Fourth Degree Arson is a Class 2 Misdemeanor. The charge is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

PFA thanks its partners who were, in this case, from the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Fort Collins Police Services, City of Fort Collins Utilities, and UCHealth EMS.

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