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JUVENILE SUSPECTS VANDALIZE RESIDENCE WITH FIREWORKS

SEAL BEACH, CA — The Seal Beach Police Department is investigating a vandalism which was caused by fireworks being set off at the front door of a residence.

On Monday, July 20, 2020 at about 8:51 pm, the Seal Beach Police Department received a call of juvenile subjects setting off fireworks in the area of 12th Street and Landing Avenue. The caller told officers that a group of juveniles had lit a firework and placed it near the front door of his residence. When the firework went off, his door was damaged. No one was injured.

Responding officers located and detained a group of juveniles. They were identified and released to parents pending further investigation. Because the suspects in this incident are juveniles, their names will not be released.

The Seal Beach Police Department is currently investigating this incident and officers are in the process of obtaining statements from the juveniles and their parents. Based on preliminary information obtained at the scene, detectives are working to determine if this was a hate crime.

“Regardless of the motivation, this incident is unacceptable and will not be tolerated,” said Chief of Police Philip L. Gonshak. “I want the community to know that hatred, bias, and intolerance will not be accepted. Our investigators will work to ensure that the juveniles responsible for this crime are held accountable.”

The Seal Beach Police Department is asking for the community’s assistance. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective J. Gibson at (562) 799-4100 ext. 1109 or jgibson@sealbeachca.gov.

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