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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 2/27/18 – MULTIPLE SUSPICIOUS FIRES PLAGUE BUTLER

A series of fires occurred within the course of two hours in the Devlin Wash in Butler on Tuesday 2/27/18. The NACFD1 received a report of a brush fire at 9:00 AM and responded with the Fire Chief and two engine companies. Shortly after arrival, another fire was located in the Devlin Wash with more fires observed and additional 911 calls for several additional fires. Fire Chief Wayne Eder requested two of the districts brush engines and one engine from the City of Kingman to assist. A total of six fires were found to have been set in or near the Devlin Wash from Bond to Bank Street. All fires were quickly extinguished by local citizens and NACFD1 personnel.

A total of 8 firefighters responded including two NACFD1 Volunteers, while the Valle Vista engine covered the area for additional potential incidents. MCSO provided support for fire crews during the incident. No injuries were reported and no structures were damaged. A seventh fire was reported at 10:51 AM in the 3500 Block of Ryan. NACFD units responded from the initial fires to Ryan and quickly extinguished a small grass fire and burning trash near a vacant mobile home.

The cause of the fires is being considered suspicious based on evidence and witness statements. NACFD1 Fire Investigator Mike Atchison is requesting the public's help to confirm the primary suspect for these fires.

"Any residents or property owners that have security cameras that cover the Devlin Wash area that potentially have video footage of the fires or potential suspects are requested to contact Fire Investigator Mike Atchison at (928)757-3151." Eder 2/27/18

"With a potential for rapid fire spread due to current wind and weather conditions, NACFD1 is taking every precaution to protect life and property by dispatching additional resources to fire incidents in an effort to rapidly extinguish all fires." Eder 2/27/18

For additional information, please contact Chief Eder at NACFD (928)757-3151.

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