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ARSON AND BURGLARY ARREST 7300 BLOCK EAST PLACITA DE LA INTRIGA

At approximately 1:28 a.m. on June 6, 2012, personnel from the Tucson Fire Department and Tucson Police Department responded to a **residential fire in the 7300 Block of East Placita De La Intriga**. The residence sustained major fire damage to one room and smoke damage throughout the remainder of the residence. No one was at home at the time of the fire. Detectives from the Tucson Police Department Special Investigations Division as well as investigators from the Tucson Fire Department conducted a thorough investigation to determine the origins of the fire and causes for it. It was determined to be arson. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the fire was started as a means to cover up a burglary that occurred at the same residence. Detectives were able to determine that several items were stolen from the residence prior to the fire. Further investigation revealed a person of interest relating to the burglary and fire incidents. He was identified as **Michael P. Shilney, 29-years old**. On June 13, 2012, Mr. Shilney was arrested and charged with **1 count of Second Degree Burglary, 1 count of Possession of Burglary Tools, 1 count of Trafficking in Stolen Property in the 1st Degree, 1 count of Arson, and 1 count of Criminal Damage over \$10,000.00, all felony offenses**. He was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail. A booking photograph is not yet available.

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