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Two Arrests Made in Connection With Recent Arson Fires *Manchester Police and Fire Department Work Together to Make Arrests*

Manchester, NH - - Today the Manchester Police Department announced two arrests were made in connection with the recent arson fires that have occurred in the city of Manchester. Michael Couch, 17, was arrested for the fires over the weekend in the Rimmon Heights neighborhood and Kevin Hilton, 20, was arrested for the fire that occurred at the Memorial High School football field on September 29, 2010.

Manchester Police Chief David Mara began, "We are going to continue to work with the Fire Department to investigate any and all suspicious fires in the city of Manchester and apprehend the individuals that cause them. We encourage the public to continue reporting suspicious activity and to call the Manchester Crimeline at 624-4040 and the Arson Tipline 644-FIRE with any information."

Deputy Fire Chief Dan Goonan added, "Due to the combined investigative efforts of the Manchester Fire Department and the Manchester Police Department, we are making significant progress investigating, apprehending and prosecuting individuals who commit arson crime in the City of Manchester."

"The apprehension of these individuals is a credit to the cooperative work between the Manchester Police and Fire Departments. They worked collaboratively to ensure the safety of the public and to apprehend the individuals responsible for these crimes. I commend the two departments for their hard work and diligence in making sure justice was served," concluded Mayor Gatsas.

The official post from the Manchester Police Blog is attached.