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### **Structure Fire Investigation**

Brawley, California – On Thursday, April 18, 2013, Brawley Police Department arrested four suspects in connection to the recent arson investigations being conducted in the City of Brawley. The four male suspects are Brawley residents, ages 15, 14, 14, and 14.

In recent months, the community of the City of Brawley has been victimized by criminal acts of arson. The Brawley Police Department, with the assistance of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) National Response Team (NRT), has made four arrests in connection to several of the downtown area fires. This is an ongoing investigation. Any connect of these four suspects to other acts of arson in the City of Brawley continues to be investigated.

Due to the complexity of fire investigation and the rash of the commercial fires in the downtown area of the downtown, the ATF NRT was contacted for the available resources. The Brawley Police Detectives and ATF Agents concentrated their efforts following up with information provided by the public. ATF's efforts at the fire scene located at 542 Main Street, A-Plus Furniture and the evidence gained in the joint investigation allowed us to identify four juvenile suspects. All four suspects were arrested today and booked into Imperial County Juvenile Hall. The Brawley Police Department will be requesting the Imperial County District Attorney's Office seek criminal charges that include arson, conspiracy to commit arson, commercial burglary, and conspiracy to commit commercial burglary.

The City of Brawley and the Brawley Police Department are extremely appreciative of the assistance ATF's National Response Team and the ATF Los Angeles Field Division. The services, resources and commitment to assist our local efforts were invaluable to bring about these four arrests.