



## **Banning Police Department**

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### *Press Release*

**Date:** January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Case #13-361

**Location:** 98 N. 21<sup>st</sup> Street

**Incident:** Burglary/Arson

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On 01/27/13, about 5:06 pm, Officers from the Banning Police Department responded to 1987 W. Ramsey Street (Chelo's Taco Shop), in reference to a suspicious subject call. Officers were told that a Hispanic male was acting strange and throwing rocks and objects at vehicles and people in the area.

Upon arrival, Officers were told that the suspect had jumped into a nearby back yard located at 98 N. 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Officers spotted the suspect inside the vacant residence. The suspect was ordered to come out but refused and barricaded himself inside. While Officers awaited the arrival of a Police K-9, they noticed smoke coming from inside the residence. The suspect stayed inside the burning residence for several minutes before exiting a front window where he was taken into custody.

At least six engines from Cal Fire arrived on scene to extinguish the fire that had severely damaged the residence. Cal Fire Arson Investigators also arrived on scene to assist with the arson investigation.

The suspect, who was identified as 22 year old Jose Alvarez, was treated at San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital prior to being booked into the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility.

The suspect was identified as:

- Jose Alvarez - 22 Years old from Banning.

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