



## **Banning Police Department**

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### *Press Release*

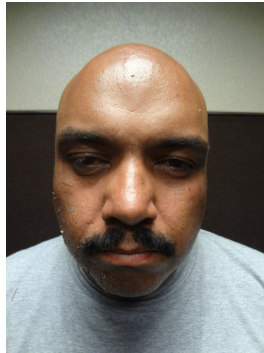
**Date:** 07/02/2013

**Case #** 13-2353

**Location:** 955 West Cottonwood, Banning

**Incident:** Attempt Arson Arrest

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On 06/30/2013, about 2155 hours, officers were dispatched to investigate a report of a male pouring gasoline throughout his home, stating he was going to set the residence on fire with his girlfriend trapped inside. As Officers arrived on scene, they saw a male, later identified as Amador Bates, 37 of Banning, fleeing on foot from the property. Bates was pursued and captured a short distance from the location.

Meanwhile, officers at 955 West Cottonwood found Bates' girlfriend, locked inside the residence, unable to get out. The front door to the home was forced open and the victim was removed. Officers discovered a flammable liquid had been poured on the floors throughout the home.

CAL-Fire Arson Investigators were summoned and they conducted an arson investigation which resulted in Bates being charged with violating Penal Code Sections 455/Attempt Arson and 453(a)/ Use of a Flammable Liquid.

Bates was later booked at the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility.

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