



## **Banning Police Department**

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### *Press Release*

**Date:** 11-08-14

**Incident:** Fire at Mathewson's Department Store  
260 West Ramsey Street, Banning CA 92220  
Case # 14-3231

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On 11-08-14, at approximately 5:14 am, Banning Police Department Dispatch received a call of a fire at Mathewson's Department Store, located at 260 West Ramsey Street. CAL FIRE responded and was able to keep the fire contained to the Mathewson's building. At approximately 11:00 am, as CAL FIRE personnel were clearing the building of hot spots, they reported finding a body inside the building. Banning Police Department Investigators and CAL Fire investigators responded and initiated an investigation into the cause of the fire. Because of the condition of the body, it could not be identified and the Riverside County Coroner's office was contacted and will be working on identifying the body. At this time, the investigation continues into the cause of the fire, the identification of the body and anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Banning Police Department.

Inquiries should be directed to the Banning Police Department Detective Bureau at 951-922-3170.