



## Vacaville Police Department

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## *Press Release*

**Today's Date:** 8/23/10  
**Date & Time Occurred:** 8/22/10 at 12:56 a.m.  
**Submitted By:** PIO  
**Phone:** Sgt. Jeff King (707) 449-5200  
**Case Number:** 2010-06299 and 2010-06381  
**Type of Crime/Incident:** 451 PC - Arson  
**Location:** 100 West Monte Vista Avenue, Vacaville High School  
**Suspects:** Lawrence Dean Ramos, 45, Vacaville resident

### **POLICE ARREST SUSPECT IN VACAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ARSON CASE**

Vacaville police on Sunday arrested a suspect in a fire at a local high school after responding to a pair of small fires in the same neighborhood as the school two days later.

On Thursday, August 19, 2010, the Vacaville Fire and Police departments responded to a fire at a portable classroom at Vacaville High School. The fire was extinguished quickly, but the classroom still sustained major damage as a result. Detectives from the City of Vacaville Police Department's Investigative Service Section (ISS) with the assistance of fire investigators from the Vacaville Fire Department then initiated an arson investigation.

On Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., fire and police units responded to reports of a suspicious fire at a home in the 200 block of Monte Vista Avenue. A very small fire was started on the north side of the property near a fence, which fire units were able to extinguish. The cause of the fire was not apparent when units cleared the area.

On Sunday, August 22, 2010 at approximately 12:32 a.m., a second fire was reported at the same location in the 200 block of Monte Vista Avenue. This fire was in the carport on the southeast side of the property. The fire was also quickly extinguished.

The location of the fire was in very close proximity to Vacaville High School and it was suspected that the cases might be related. Detectives from ISS were called out and continued the criminal investigation.

A resident of the home was contacted at the scene of the fire and ultimately arrested and charged with intentionally setting all three fires. S-Lawrence Dean Ramos, 45, of Vacaville was booked into Solano County Jail on three counts of arson, with a bail of \$80,000. The motive for the fires is still under investigation. A photo of Ramos has been attached to this press release.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information about this case is urged to contact Detective Mark Ferreira at (707) 449-5200.

