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MAN LIGHTS HOUSE ON FIRE DURING DISTURBANCE CALL OFFICERS ESCAPE BURNING HOUSE AFTER STRUGGLING WITH SUSPECT

What started out as a disturbance call quickly escalated when officers arrived. At 11:30pm on March 23rd, our patrol received calls of someone breaking things in the 19100 block of Olympic View Drive. The first officers that arrived could hear things being destroyed from over a block away. They approached the residence and found a naked, 30 year old man outside. He went inside the house and officers tried to get him to come out. Within a couple of minutes, officers could see smoke and possibly flames inside the house.

Not knowing how many people might be in the house, officers entered the house. They found the man inside with a gas can and lighter. He ignored them and began setting things on fire in front of them. He then moved into the garage where officers were able to subdue him with the use of a Taser. By this time the house was engulfed in flames and officers were able to get the man out of the garage. He struggled with them the entire time.

Due to the fire danger, officers were not able to sweep the house for additional people inside. We have since discovered that no one else was inside the house. The man is the son of the homeowners.

Considering the man's behavior and our use of the Taser, he was taken to Harborview Medical Center to be evaluated.

Detectives were called out to the scene and will be there for several hours.

No officers were injured during this incident.

We will release another update when a charging decision has been determined. Nothing further at this time.

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