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CALDWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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UPDATE:

Scott Bradley Pankratz was arrested (10/30, 6:32 p.m.) charged with first degree arson.

Today just after noon, the Caldwell Fire Department responded to a three-story residential fire at Chicago and Kimball. This home was one of the oldest in Caldwell and had been converted into apartments.

Four Caldwell Police Officers were the first on scene and were advised by tenants that people were still inside. The four officers went into the smoke filled building to evacuate residents. As this was unfolding the Caldwell Fire Department arrived and ensured evacuation was complete.

Caldwell responded with three engines and a brush rig. Middleton/Star Fire responded with an apparatus, Nampa Fire assisted with two units and one from Wilder. We appreciate the coordination and assistance from these agencies.

"Teamwork made the evacuation of this building successful, I can't say enough about the outstanding teamwork, bravery, courage and leadership that everyone displayed today", said Richard Frawley, Caldwell Fire Chief.

There is heavy damage to the unit where the fire originated and significant damage to the other units in the building as well.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.