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## CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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Today, at 1 p.m., Canyon County Dispatch Center received an emergency call from a resident in the 200 block of Walnut St. The caller reported a family member intentionally set multiple items on fire inside the home. Caldwell Police were immediately dispatched and several officers arrived on-scene to investigate the arson reports.

Upon arrival at the scene, smoldering items were located inside and outside the residence. Caldwell Officers detained the suspect, later identified as 32 year-old Omar Alfaro, who is active to Idaho Department of Corrections Probation. As officers checked the home for additional suspects and victims, a small incendiary device was located in a bedroom.

In order to ensure the safety of community members and first responders, neighboring homes were evacuated and a perimeter was established to control ingress to the crime scene.

Caldwell Police requested aid from the Nampa Police Department's Bomb Squad, who responded immediately to assist. Bomb squad technicians recovered the incendiary device and rendered the device safe, before turning the scene over to Caldwell Detectives, who continued the investigation. Caldwell Police would like to thank Nampa Police for assisting in the safe resolution of this incident.

Omar Alfaro was arrested and will be booked into jail after he receives medical treatment at a local hospital for an unrelated medical condition.

"I want to thank our community and media partners for being patient though this chaotic incident while we addressed a very serious and complex situation," said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.

*All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*