



COTTONWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Monday April 1st. at about 5:21 am Cottonwood Officers responded to a report of a small fire at the Spirit Gas Station at 646 N. Main St. When officers arrived they found that about five Molotov Cocktail style devices had been left or thrown around the property.



While emergency personnel were handling the fire a concerned citizen approached the police and notified them there was black smoke coming from the city Administrative Services building at 816 N. Main St. At about 6:14 am Cottonwood officers arrived to the Administrative Services building and found three damaged windows emitting black smoke. Fire personnel responded quickly and prevented the fire from spreading.

Cottonwood Officers are also investigating what appears to be a third arson at Sun West bank at 704 S. Main St. Evidence of Molotov Cocktail devices were found at that location as well.

At this time the damage to all three locations is still being determined. The investigation is in its early stages at this time and detectives are currently on both scenes collecting physical evidence. Police and Fire investigators are working together to determine investigative leads. If anyone has information about these arson cases please contact the Cottonwood Police Department or Yavapai Silent Witness.

The Administrative Services Offices, including Human Resources, Finance and Purchasing departments will be temporarily moving to the Public Safety building at 199 S. 6th St. They are currently in the process of gathering their necessities and should be operational on Tuesday, April 2nd. All telephone numbers will be the same for each department.

There is a \$6,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of a suspect or suspects in Admin Services Offices fire.

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