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232184290	232184290	1932 S MUSKEGO AVE	FULL	INCENDIARY	Scott	09/06/2023 23:48:59	<p>Car 14 Lieutenant Scott investigated fire cause and origin at 1942 S Muskego Avenue on 9/6/23 at 23:38 hours; arriving to find a two-and-one-half story, wood frame construction, vacant residence with address orientation on the WEST Elevation. WEATHER CONDITIONS: (wunderground.com) at the time of the fire temperature was 71 degrees F; dew point 67 degrees F; humidity 87%; wind NNW 7.0MPH with no gusts 0.0MPH; 0.0 inches of precipitation; conditions of cloudy. FIRST IN REPORT: IC was BC Weinkauf; LT Hermann E23 arriving first on scene reports visible fire on the rear porch exterior moving upward towards the second-floor. Also, active fire showing from the second-floor window structure on the Northeast elevation. E23 making an initial fire attack with reduced line at the rear elevation porch on the EAST elevation exterior, while also forcing entry at the rear entrance which was boarded up. E33 making entry to second floor via the central stairs, assisted with extinguishment via the second-floor. Fire companies extinguished the fire, softened the structure for entry/egress/ventilation, secured utilities (gas/electric); completed overhaul/salvage to determine the extent of damage along with identifying cause and origin. Primary/secondary/final searches clear/negative. INTERVIEWS: Witness information and statement MPD interviewed the caller, who wished to remain anonymous, that a subject was observed walking up to the rear of the building. The subject appeared to hang around the back of the building for a while. Then the subject was seen walking away from the building, stopping to turn around and watch the fire grow. The subject then entered the alley and ran to the SOUTH. The owner of the property is listed as JULIO EQUIHUA EQUIHUA 1942 S MUSKEGO AVE. MILWAUKEE WI 53204 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE: Canvassing the immediate neighborhood buildings there is NO evidence of video/photographic equipment on the exterior with a view of the area around/adjacent to the address. Review of DNS Records shows evidence of open Inspection and Enforcement Order(s) to Correct Conditions Orders issued for residential building code violations; there are no open/issued electric, plumbing, construction or occupancy permits issued for new work being completed. There are violations for work being done without a permit, among them: Record ENF-2023-27967: Record Status: Open 8/17/23 Small Items Discarded on Private Property Fire incident MFD#232175670 resulted investigation showing indications of the wood frame, single family residence was open/unsecure. Rear East yard shows indications of vehicle tires, furniture</p>	Squad	23-250-0002		53204

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							<p>and debris. Record ENF-2023-27972: Record Status: Open 8/17/23 Work Being Done Without Permit, Private Property Fire incident MFD#232175670 resulted investigation showing indications of the wood frame, single family residence was open/unsecure, Structural renovations with new NM electrical wiring and junction boxes throughout. SCENE EXAMINATION: I examined the scene as a continuation of fire suppression, overhaul/salvage/ventilation efforts; walking the areas of the damaged structure starting with the unburnt areas and documenting any evidence leading to cause and origin. Exam of Exterior shows fire damage to the rear, EAST elevation of the structure as well as the roof. Exam of basement has standing water from firefighting operations. Exam of the (first floor) shows fire damage to the dormer/back porch area. There is burn through on the porch, that moves toward the second floor. There are exposed structural members with heavy charring. Exam of the (second floor) has fire damage toward the EAST elevation of the building. There are exposed structural members with heavy charring. Exam of the Attic was conducted from the open ceiling on the second floor, which exposed the attic to show heavy fire damage to exposed structural members. Excavation of the debris at the back porch working from the exterior to the interior, provides large amounts of broken glass, presumably from firefighting operations. Heavy charring & burn through to the interior of the structure. Focused exam of the structure shows that the property was undergoing some renovations or construction, as evidenced by the new electrical wiring & plumbing PVC pipes throughout. Metering the surfaces & area of the back porch with the Grace 950-ASH detector responded NEGATIVE for the possible presence of accelerants/hydrocarbons. SUMMARY: Based upon a thorough examination of the fire scene, burn pattern analysis, analysis of physical evidence, interviews, information provided by firefighting companies, and my personal training, education, and experience, it is my considered opinion that the fire AREA OF ORIGIN was the exterior at the back porch at the entry door. The probable IGNITION SOURCE is determined to be OTHER OPEN FLAME / USE OF PORTABLE IGNITION DEVISE The cause determination is INCENDIARY Additional information and documentary evidence can be obtained by submitting MPD Open Records Request for IR#23-250-0002 by MPD SQ#2455. Subject to new information, further forensic information, electrical engineering arc mapping and additional evidence being received, Car14 reserves the right to update/amend this report as needed. Respectfully submitted by Lieutenant Scott FIT #1403625.</p>				

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