



CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
ARSON BOMB INVESTIGATION DIVISION
P. O. Box 77245, Corona, CA 92877-0108
Report of Investigation-I

DATE/TIME OCCURRED December 29, 2008/1630 hours		CODE SECTION		CASE NUMBER 09-MLY-001	
DATE/TIME REPORTED January 14, 2009/1500 Hours		OTHER AGENCY NAME University of CA Los Angeles		OTHER AGENCY CASE NO.	
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE Molecular Science Blvd., UCLA, 405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90095				COUNTY Los Angeles	
K9 <input type="checkbox"/>	TYPE Fire	SUBTYPE Accidental	PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION State Owned	LOSS AMOUNT	FATALITIES 01
CODES: V=VICTIM W=WITNESS RP=REPORTING PARTY LO=LEGAL OWNER DC=DISCOVERED CRIME R=REQUESTOR					
NAME (Last, First, Middle) Sangji, Sheharbano		CODE V	RESIDENCE ADDRESS		RESIDENCE PHONE
OCCUPATION Research asst	RACE o	SEX f	DOB	AGE 23	BUSINESS ADDRESS UCLA
NAME (Last, First, Middle) Johnson, Dana		CODE RP	RESIDENCE ADDRESS		RESIDENCE PHONE
OCCUPATION Campus FM	RACE	SEX	DOB	AGE	BUSINESS ADDRESS UCLA
NAME (Last, First, Middle)		CODE	RESIDENCE ADDRESS		RESIDENCE PHONE
OCCUPATION	RACE	SEX	DOB	AGE	BUSINESS ADDRESS
SUSPECT NO. 1 (Last, First, Middle)		RACE	SEX	AGE	HT.
		WT.	HAIR	EYES	DOB OR ID

ADDRESS, CLOTHING AND OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS OR CHARACTERISTICS

SYNOPSIS:

On December 29, 2008 at approximately 1630, a flash fire occurred in the Molecular Sciences Building at the University of California Los Angeles. The incident occurred when the victim, SANGJI, was drawing t-butyl lithium from a bottle into a syringe and the plunger came out of the syringe barrel. The chemical, which ignites spontaneously in air, splashed onto SANGJI's clothing, setting them on fire. SANGJI received burns to 40% of her body and was initially treated at Ronald Regan UCLA Medical Center. She was subsequently transferred to the Grossman Burn Center in Sherman Oaks where she died from her injuries on January 16, 2009.

Preliminary fire investigation was conducted by the Los Angeles City Fire Department at the time of the fire. Inasmuch as the fire scene had been compromised by the time I received notification, I was unable to conduct an investigation into the circumstances of the fire. I reviewed the information furnished to me by JOHNSON and advised that I would complete a summary report based upon the investigation conducted by Los Angeles City Fire Department and representatives from the University. Investigation into the circumstances of the incident is also being conducted by Cal-OSHA. This incident is being referred to OSFM Fire & Life Safety Division for review of issues relating to fire code requirements regarding the storage, handling and use of chemicals.

CASE DISPOSITION: Closed, referred to Fire & Life Safety for further follow up.

INSURANCE POLICY INFORMATION

Self Insured

INVESTIGATOR M. Yarbrough		BADGE NO. 104	SIGNATURE 	DATE
CASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	CLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/> ABID <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL	SUPERVISING INVESTIGATOR 	DATE

PIES:

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P.D.	F.D.	OTHER