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Case No. 13-159 (Update)

On January 4, 2013, the Portage Department of Public Safety, Police and Fire, investigated a suspicious apartment fire at 342 Tudor Circle. This fire destroyed two apartments and displaced several residents. The investigation determined the cause of the fire was related to manufacturing Methamphetamine inside the apartment. The following agencies assisted in the investigation: Three Rivers Police Department, Colon Police Department, St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department, and the Michigan State Police.

The following suspects have been charged with the listed crimes stemming from the apartment fire:

- Angela Diemond, 28 years of age, Portage; Maintaining a Drug House (apartment resident).
- Ryan Diemond, 31 years of age, Portage; Maintaining a Drug House and Operating a Methamphetamine Lab (apartment resident).
- John Shank, 43 years of age, Kalamazoo; Operating a Methamphetamine Lab.
- Eric Harris, 42 years of age, Colon; Operating a Methamphetamine Lab.

Eric Harris, John Shank, and Ryan Diemond are currently in custody. Angela Diemond was arraigned in Portage on Thursday, February 21, 2013.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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