



ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: 06/17/13 INCIDENT TIME: 6:38 P.M.
INCIDENT LOCATION: 114 River Street South, Cook, Mn.

INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED: (Refer to News Media Policy-Rules III A.1 Thru 4; Procedures B.1, A thru J & 1, 2b; 3b; g & h; 4a, b, & c)

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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Department and numerous Fire Departments were dispatched to a building fire located at 114 River Street South in Cook. Located inside of this building was the Cook Dollar Barn, Gilley's Naturals and 8 apartments. The occupants of the apartments were accounted for with no report of injuries, and both stores at the time of the fire were closed for the day. The building was a complete loss as a result of the fire. The fire is being investigated by the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department and the State Fire Marshal.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

Cook Fire Department, Evergreen Fire Department, Orr Fire Department, Pike Fire Department, Tower Fire Department, State Fire Marshal's Office & Red Cross.

AUTHORITY: Sgt Kevin Friebe #5527 DATE: 06/18/13 TIME: 4:00 A.M.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

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After a joint investigation by the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and State Fire Marshal's Office the fire appears to be accidental in nature. Investigation revealed the fire appears to have started inside the Gilley's Naturals section of the building, located on the main floor North side of the building. The exact cause of the fire is unknown, but foul play is not suspected. The displaced residents from the apartments are being assisted by the Red Cross at this time.

AUTHORITY: Lt. Jason Akerson #5208 DATE: 6/18/2013 TIME: 5:00 PM