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SeaTac House Fire

SeaTac, Wash. - June 21, 2015- A discarded cigarette was the cause of an early morning house fire in the 20600 block of 12 Pl. S.

Firefighters from the Kent Fire Department RFA, South King Fire and Rescue, and the Burien Fire Department were dispatched at 3:00 am to the single story house. When they arrived they found smoke and flames coming from the back side of the residence and the fire spreading into the attic space.

It took approximately 50 minutes to fully extinguish the fire. Access into the attic space was made more difficult by the added layers of drywall and insulation that were in the home. Many homes in the area were similarly retrofitted to deaden the noise from SeaTac Airport.

The sole occupant of the house was able to get out safely, though the adult male suffered minor burns and from smoke inhalation thought to have been caused by his reentering the burning house to look for his pets. Red Cross is assisting the resident.

The fire started in a covered back porch area where wood furniture and other combustibles caught fire from the cigarette. The fire spread to a trellis that covered the porch and spread into the attic space though the bird blocking where it continued to burn until a neighbor noticed the fire and called 9-1-1.

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