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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Covington Fred Meyer Fire**

Covington, Wash – June 8, 2019 – A small fire in the clothing department forced the Fred Meyer store 16700 block of SE 272 Street to be evacuated this afternoon.

Firefighters were dispatched at 6 pm and found a small pile of clothing smoldering on the floor of the men's department. The fire had been extinguished by store employees. Although the fire did not spread far, smoke filled much of the store, forcing employees and customers to remain outside.

One person was treated for minor smoke inhalation. That person did not require hospitalization.

The fire is considered suspicious. The Puget Sound fire investigator is working with store managers to review surveillance video and conduct interviews.

It is unknown when the store will reopen.

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