



FIRE & RESCUE

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FIRE INVESTIGATORS CALL APARTMENT FIRE SUSPICIOUS

- WHO:** Kristi Kelly, DOB 2-4-64 (Resident)
Cleveland Malcolm, 70 years old (Resident)
- WHAT:** Suspicious Fire/Arson
- WHEN:** August 15, 2010
- WHERE:** 2029 Alpine Road #A6
Clearwater, Fla.
- SUMMARY:** Clearwater Fire Investigators are investigating a suspicious apartment fire. Firefighters responded to apartment #A6 at 2029 Alpine Road at 4:48 a.m. on August 15.

It took firefighters about 15 minutes to get the fire under control. They were able to contain the fire to unit #A6 on the second floor. Other units were affected by smoke but no other residents were displaced.

According to fire investigators, Cleveland Malcolm, who was the sole occupant at the time of the fire, woke up when he smelled smoke inside his bedroom. He jumped out of the window to escape the fire. Malcolm lives with his daughter, who was not in the unit at the time of the fire. Malcolm was checked out by firefighters at the scene and refused treatment (no serious injuries). Red Cross was contacted to assist the displaced residents.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, but investigators say it was an act of arson. Estimated damage is at 30,000 dollars.

