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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

**Release Date:** January 12, 2011    **Time:** 11:00 am    **Prepared by:** Lt. Russell Reinhart

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**Type of Incident:** Warrant Service for Arson Investigation

**Location:** 12300 Circula Panorama, Santa Ana

**Date/Time of Occurrence:** December 31, 2010

**Case Number:** 10-022393

### **Details:**

On December 31, 2010, at about 00:15 am, residents in the 7800 block of MacDonald Drive called 911 reporting what sounded like an explosion and a car on fire. Huntington Beach police officers and firefighters responded to the scene.

Police officers discovered a white 2008 Acura four door vehicle on fire. The fire was extinguished but the vehicle was a total loss.

Detectives from the police department investigated this arson and believe Thuan Minh Lam, 34, Santa Ana, was responsible for the crime. Detectives obtained a search warrant for his residence and arrest warrant for him. Due to his criminal background, the warrants were considered high risk and members of the Huntington Beach Police Department SWAT team assisted in the service of the warrants. The specifics of his criminal background are not public record and cannot be released. The warrants were served this morning in the 12300 block of Circula Panorama, Santa Ana.

Thuan Minh Lam was arrested without incident and booked at the Huntington Beach Police Department jail with a bail of \$250,000 for arson related charges. This crime appears to be domestic violence related.