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Metro Transit Security Sgt. Ty Henderson, left, and Senior Security Officer Rodel Pareja apprehended an arson suspect.



Photo by Gayle Anderson

Security Officers Catch Red Line Arson Suspect

(Dec. 2, 2005) Metro Transit Security Sgt. Ty Henderson and Senior Security Officer Rodel Pareja are credited with apprehending a man suspected of trying to start a fire, Nov. 22, on a Metro Red Line train.

Henderson and Pareja caught the suspect on South Bonnie Brae Ave. near 7th Street after he exited an escape hatch onto the sidewalk.

The officers turned the suspect over to Sheriff's deputies, who arrested him for aggravated arson, tampering with the transit system and unlawfully causing a fire – all felony charges.

A commendation letter from the Sheriff's Department expresses appreciation to Henderson and Pareja "for their diligence and commitment to duty."

The case is being investigated by the Sheriff's Arson Explosives Detail, which will file the case with the County District Attorney's office.

Service was affected for about 20 minutes while law enforcement officers investigated the incident.