





Arson Alert

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Arson Alarm Foundation boosts FBI reward by \$5,000 for Vancouver ballot box arson case

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SEATTLE, WA – In the early hours of October 8, 2024, two ballot drop boxes in Vancouver, WA, were set fire with an incendiary device, causing damage to the boxes and compromising hundreds of voting ballots. A ballot box in Portland, OR, was also damaged by an explosive device later that month.

To aid the investigation, <u>the FBI</u> is offering a reward of up to \$25,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible. Adding to the effort, the <u>Arson Alarm</u> <u>Foundation</u> will contribute an additional \$5,000 for information that leads to an arrest or conviction of the person responsible for setting fire to the ballot boxes in Vancouver, WA.

According to the FBI, a dark-colored 2003 to 2004 Volvo S-60 Sedan was captured on a <u>surveillance camera</u> driving up to a ballot box in Portland, OR. Shortly after the car drove away the ballot box exploded.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact the FBI's tipline at 1-800-225-5324 or their local FBI office. The Arson Alarm Foundation also urges anyone with knowledge of this incident or other arsons in Washington to call the Arson Alarm Hotline at 800-55-ARSON (800-552-7766) or submit a tip through its website at www.arsonalarm.com. Tipsters can remain anonymous.

"Arson impacts everyone, causing devastating damage to lives and property while increasing insurance costs for the entire community," said Kenton Brine, NW Insurance Council president. "We strongly urge anyone with information about this and other fires in the area to come forward and contact the FBI or the Arson Alarm hotline."

NW Insurance Council, WSRB and Arson Alarm Foundation offer awards from its annual \$10,000 award fund each year for Washington residents who provide tips to authorities that result in the arrest or conviction of arsonists. More than \$100,000 has been awarded to Washington citizens over the past decade.

For more information about the Arson Alarm Foundation and to submit an anonymous tip, visit www.arsonalarm.org.

<u>Arson Alarm Foundation</u> is a nonprofit organization that seeks to reduce loss of life and property by increasing arson awareness.

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