

# Serial arsonist strikes again? Fourth suspicious fire set in New Bedford since July 22

New Bedford Police and Fire Departments are investigating a suspicious fire reported early Tuesday at 140 Hathaway St. The fire to drapes in the home caused minor damage and was extinguished by the residents. Police were called to the scene at 1:45 a.m. No injuries were reported.

Though New Bedford police and fire haven't determined if this fire is connected, the fire seems to match **the previous three fires in the north end of New Bedford over the past 2 weeks.**

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The suspicious fires were on July 22 at 91 Adams Street, July 31 at 475 Coggeshall Street and Aug. 2 at 470 Sawyer Street.

The previous fires were located within a few blocks of each other in the north end of New Bedford and within a 12 day period. They were also all set between 1:18am and 1:42am, less than a 30-minute window. This fourth fire was set at 1:45am.

The fire at 475 Coggeshall Street on July 31 was from someone setting a curtain on fire and which is similar to today's fire involving someone setting a drape on fire.

Clearly, New Bedford has a arsonist on the loose.

Previously reported:

First, here's a look at the basement fire on 470 Sawyer Street around 1:30am on Wednesday, August 2nd. The fire has been deemed suspicious by the New Bedford Fire Department and logged as arson in police records. All occupants were removed with no injuries.

Second, New Bedford police officers responded to reports of a structure fire at 1:18 a.m Saturday at 91 Adams St., a two-story building. When police arrived on scene, the rear of the structure was in flames.

Police helped a 74-year-old man escape the building. He was treated at the scene by medics. The blaze took several hours for the New Bedford Fire Department to extinguish. The building was a total loss. The Red Cross responded to the scene.

A joint investigation by the police department, fire department and the State Police determined the fire to be suspicious.

Third, the fire at 475 Coggeshall Street occurred at 1:42 a.m. when a curtain was set on fire and put out by the residents before Nbfd arrived. Police and fire also consider this fire to be suspicious.

All videos by Carlos Pimentel Felix.