

Ray Hanson

February 9, 2017

Re: Sub Fire

On Dec. 9, 2016, I was contacted by Ray Hanson, an owner of the Sub and Square Deal Records, located at 295 and 303 Higuera Sts., San Luis Obispo, regarding the fire that destroyed the shop earlier in 2016. I, initially, I looked at a series of photographs that had been taken within minutes after the start of the fire and up to and including photos taken weeks after the fire.

I am a retired Sheriff's Deputy Sergeant from Santa Barbara County Sheriff's with 35 years of law enforcement including training from the State of California as an Arson Investigator, having successfully completed the Arson Investigator I & II courses. I have either investigated or assisted with local Fire Investigators on at least 30 different fires. Several Arson fires, mostly related to Domestic Violence and Coroner incidences.

After reviewing the photos of the fire incident I went to the Sub/Square Deal location. I examined the interior and exterior of the entire location, paying particular attention to the front window box where the fire was initially identified as the ignition point of the fire. There were no photos that showed the fire starting anywhere else.

Ray Hanson stated the photos displaying fire at the window box were taken within minutes after the report of the fire. The photos showed a highly intense and tall flame consistent with a flame caused by an unknown accelerant. The burn/scorch pattern on the interior aspect of the window box showed flame and smoke patterns, again, consistent with a fire started on enhanced by an accelerant. I further examined the remainder of the entire building and found only patterns consistent with an existing fire.

Respectively submitted, Clyde George, Sheriff's Sergeant, Retired