# Police Seek Public's Help in Solving Arson

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Last Wednesday, the ice rink at Baranof Park went up in flames, severely damaging the interior of the rink and south facing wall. The Kodiak Police Department is still investigating the fire, which was determined to be an act of arson, but is asking community members to help in the process.

Someone out there knows who did this, maybe it was a witness, and can provide that information to us.

Sergeant Milton Bohac is the supervising investigator for the case. He said it's important to get community involvement with investigations like these.

-- (Community Help 1 : 36 "These kinds of things that happen when very few people are out and about, it's important for us to work with the community to help solve the case. Someone out there knows who did this, maybe it was a witness, and can provide that information to us. And the best way to do that is to get a hold of the police department. Either directly, or if they are concerned about something they can use the crime stoppers program to report that information anonymously.")

He said people, for whatever reason, often don't like to identify themselves, so crime stoppers is really a great outlet for them.

-- (Community Help 2 : 15 "The crime stoppers program gives those few people an avenue to report to us. They can do it telephonically too. The crime stoppers telephone is unrecorded and there's not way to track who's making the call or anything like that.")

Bohac couldn't share details of the investigation, as it is still ongoing. Likewise, the exact extent of the damage, including a total cost of repairs, is still unknown.

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