

Investigators from the Henderson County Sheriffs' Arson Unit continue to investigate a fire at the residence located at 17 Leisure Lane in the East Flat Rock area of Henderson County.

The residents of the home were in bed shortly before midnight on the 17th of May when they heard a noise outside the home. Mr. Esteban Chica got up to investigate the noise and realized that the home was on fire. He managed to extinguish the flames with water. Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and found the fire extinguished. At this time the homeowner found that two vehicles on his property had also been vandalized. The windshields and side windows of the families 2000 Nissan Maxima and a 2002 Volkswagen Jetta had been smashed out. A window on the end of the mobile home at the origin of the fire had also been broken out and several rocks found in the residence. The fire appeared to have started outside the mobile home. Damage is estimated to be in excess of \$18,000.00 dollars.

Investigators believe that juveniles were responsible for the incident but could not comment further due to the ongoing investigation. They continued to follow leads and conduct interviews today.