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PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at approximately 1130 hours, a citizen reported to the Kalama Police Department that a male subject in his 40's was standing near the Police Station holding a glass container in one hand and a lighter in the other while threatening that he was going to blow up the Police Station. The subject was standing approximately 40' away on the sidewalk and was facing a window where the police clerk was presently working. He was holding what turned out to be an incendiary device that contained gasoline. An unnamed citizen assisted police by distracting the suspect to allow an officer inside the Station enough time to exit without the subject observing him. The Officer worked his way up to where the suspect was standing and observed the subject with two additional bottles containing what was believed to be an accelerant. The suspect was defiant and a back up officer was requested. The suspect told the officers that he had heard voices telling him to blow up the police station. The suspect initially refused to hand over the bottles of gasoline and had the odor of gasoline on his person. It took several minutes for officers to take the suspect into custody and make the scene safe. The suspect has a history of mental illness. The suspect is identified as Steven M. Prouty, age 46 of Kalama. He was booked at the Cowlitz County Jail facility on Attempted Arson First Degree and Threats to Bomb or Injure Property. His initial bail was set at \$100,000.00 by the Prosecutor's Office.

Any questions, call Sergeant Steven Parker at the Station at 360-673-2165 or 360-957-2215.

Sincerely,

KALAMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bruce Hall, Chief of Police