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PRESS RELEASE

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Investigators Ask for Public's Help with Sonoco Products Fire

On July 3, 2016 at 9:00 p.m., a fire occurred in the cardboard bale storage yard of Sonoco Products at 200 South Water Street located in the South Holyoke section of the city. The fire was intentionally-set and caused over \$150,000.00 in lost product for the company. The Holyoke Fire Department was on scene for over nine hours and required assistance from the Westover Air Reserve Base Fire Department and their specialized fire truck to extinguish this fire.

Fire investigators are asking for the public's assistance identifying two males who appear on surveillance video in the yard immediately before the fire occurred.

Anyone who can identify these two men is asked to contact the Holyoke Fire Investigation Unit at (413) 534-2255 ext. 108 or the statewide Arson Hotline at 1-800-682-9229, confidentially, 24 hours a day. The Arson Hotline is part of the Arson Watch Reward Program sponsored by the property and casualty insurance underwriting companies in Massachusetts. It offers rewards of **up to** \$5,000 for information that helps to solve the crime of arson.

The fire is being jointly investigated by the Holyoke Fire Investigation Unit, Holyoke Police Detectives and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Thank you,

Captain Anthony Cerruti

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