



# SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION  
LE 71 (REV. 7/2011)

INCIDENT NUMBER
15CALNU008670
CASE NAME
VALLEY
UNIT
CASE NUMBER

DAY	MONTH	DATE	YEAR	COUNTY	REGION	UNIT	CASE NUMBER
Sat	Sept	12	2015	Lake	CNR	LNU	

1 On Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at approximately 7:53 PM, while assigned to the investigation  
 2 of the "VALLEY FIRE", I interviewed John PINCH, [REDACTED], primary owner  
 3 of 8015 High Valley Road, Kelseyville, CA. The interview was conducted at [REDACTED]  
 4 [REDACTED]. The following is a summary of the interview:

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 6 PINCH told me he is retired and worked as a painter in Sebastopol CA. He told me he planned on  
 7 staying at the [REDACTED] residence until he is able to return to his residence on High  
 8 Valley Road. I was provided the following phone number to reach him at the [REDACTED]  
 9 [REDACTED] address, [REDACTED].

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 11 PINCH told me his wife Cindy and him are the primary residents of the 8015 High Valley Road  
 12 address. Parker and Laura MILLS are partial owners who stay there on occasion. PINCH told me  
 13 they have a silver Toyota pickup, Toyota corolla, and Fiesta that are associated with the property.  
 14 He told me they do not have a green Jeep Wrangler, nor do they know of any in the area.

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 16 PINCH told me his wife and him have lived at the residence since 2009. He said it was a foreclosure  
 17 and they finished working on it a few months after buying it. He told me he was out of town on the  
 18 day of the fire. He told me they moved his daughter's belongings to Reno the previous day.

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 20 PINCH told me he was last home Friday, September 11, 2015 and was volunteering at the  
 21 meditation center. PINCH said he left that evening to go to Santa Clara. He told me he had not been  
 22 doing any work around the property that day or for the previous week.

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 24 P. MILLS spoke up and told me he was there at approximately 7:00 AM that morning to feed the cat  
 25 and had returned approximately an hour after he heard of the fire. L. MILLS told me she called  
 26 PINCH about the fire when she learned of it.  
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1 PINCH told me nobody smokes in the household. He told me the last time he did any mowing or  
2 yard work was approximately three weeks to a month ago. He told me he uses a lawn tractor to mow  
3 around the property. PINCH told me they have used a tractor on the property but it wasn't there  
4 during the time of the fire.

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6 PINCH told me they have not had any electrical issues with the residence. He told me the hot tub  
7 hasn't been on for months. P. MILLS states the hot tub hasn't been on since December. PINCH told  
8 me the junction box near the oak tree out the back door was there for future use of the hot tub. He  
9 said they intended on moving the hot tub. PINCH told me he installed the junction box and ran the  
10 wiring.

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12 PINCH told me the 220 circuit was ran approximately one year ago. He told me the breaker was not  
13 hooked up to the wires. He told me nobody has recently been doing any electrical work. I provided  
14 PINCH with a sketch of the property and asked him to show me where the wires were located. He  
15 told me the wires from the hot tub went to the service room and the wires were not hooked to the  
16 breaker. PINCH was referring to the wires ran in preparation of moving the hot tub to the new  
17 location.

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19 PINCH told me he does all the electrical work and hires out the larger wiring projects. He told me he  
20 recently hired an individual to hook up a fan and light approximately three weeks ago. He told me he  
21 ran additional wire under the sink but never hooked it up. Dave JOHNSON is the individual PINCH  
22 identified as the electrician he hired to do the work.

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24 PINCH told me nobody else uses the property other than a friend when they leave to take care of  
25 their two cats. PINCH told me the 40 amp breaker was not hooked up to the junction box but it was  
26 hooked up to the hot tub. He told me he ran the wires through the conduit as he laid the conduit  
27 pipe. He told me the wire from the J box goes to the service room with the panel and is ready to be  
28 connected and that it is currently not connected. PINCH told me the large black wire from the hot tub  
29 goes into the service room and is connected.

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31 PINCH told me Farmers insurance is his provider. PINCH is the primary owner of the property. He  
32 told me the wiring was completely finished when he purchased the property. PINCH told me the  
33 wires from the panel go through the conduit pipe to the junction box near the oak tree out the back

1 door. He said the wires are ready to be hooked up to the box. PINCH told me the wires from the hot  
2 tub were hooked up to the box. The sketch PINCH drew shows the wires going from the hot tub to  
3 the service room. He was persistent that the wires from the J box are not connected.

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5 PINCH told me when the tub was hooked up it had just stopped working. P. MILLS said he looked at  
6 it last week and the light would come on then just go off. He told me he tried turning it on twice that  
7 day. I asked if he forgot to turn the breaker off, he told me there is a possibility he forgot to turn it off.  
8 MILLS said he attempted to turn it on the week before last. P. MILLS told me PINCH and him were  
9 both there and decided to see if they could get it to go.

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11 PINCH told me they have been having issues with reporters since the start of the fire. I advised  
12 PINCH he was not obligated to speak with the reporters. I advised PINCH the fire originated on his  
13 property and it is still under investigation. The interview was concluded at 8:25 PM

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15 End of report.

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