MEDIA RELEASE

Date of Release: Friday, June 15, 2018
Classification: Structure Fire
Date/Time of Incident: Friday, Friday, June 15, 2018 10:05 a.m.
Case Number: TI18-10276
Offense Location: 131 88th Avenue, Treasure Island, Florida

On Friday, June 15, 2018, at 10:05 am, a fire at 131 88th Avenue in Treasure Island was reported to Pinellas County 911. Two houseguests were awakened by smoke and fled the residence as they called 911. Fire heavily damaged the kitchen and part of the attic. Smoke and soot damage was present throughout the house. There were no injuries.

The property owner, Anthony Kloosterman of Melbourne, Florida, was not home at the time. Joseph Clark and Sarah Bjorkland were staying in the home at the time of the fire.

Treasure Island Fire Rescue responded to the scene, assisted by St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue, Madeira Beach Fire Rescue, South Pasadena Fire Rescue and Seminole Fire Rescue. Treasure Island Fire Rescue quickly extinguished the fire. An investigator with the State Fire Marshall’s Office, a Duke Energy lineman and a building official from the City of Treasure Island responded. The cause of the fire is believed to be accidental; however, the investigation remains open. The residence sustained significant structural damage, and as a result, a condemnation notice was posted until the residence can be brought back up to code.

No other information is available at this time.