10- ATTACHMENT: Special Agent Frick Memorandum of Interview with Julie GAUTHIER and Melissa GAUTHIER

USDA Forest Service	MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW (Reference FSH 5309.11)	1. CASE NUMBER 07-05-8695365 (x-ref CA FIRE #07-3522-074)

2. NATURE OF INVESTIGATION: Cajon Fire

3. NAME OF PERSON INTERVIEWED (Last, First, Middle)	4. SOCIAL SEC. NO.	5. DOB	6. SEX
Gauthier, Julie	- -	/ /	F

7. HOME ADDRESS (St., City, State, ZIP Code)	8. DRIVER'S LIC. NO.	9. PHONE (H) (Area Code)

10. EMPLOYMENT (Occupation and Location)	11. PHONE (W) (Area Code)
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12. LOCATION OF INTERVIEW	13. NAME OF OFFICER CONDUCTING INTERVIEW
Cajon Blvd. & Kenwood Ave. (Cajon Fire)	SA Steve Frick

14. OTHERS PRESENT	15. STARTED Date	Time	ENDED Date	Time
Melissa Gauthier (passenger)	10-23-07	5:55 pm	10-23-07	6:15 pm

16. REMARKS

On October 23, 2007 at approximately 5:55 pm, Special Agent (SA) Stephen FRICK of the United States Forest Service contacted and interviewed Julie GAUTHIER and her daughter-in-law Melissa GAUTHIER regarding the Cajon Fire. Julie GAUTHIER had witnessed the start of the Cajon Fire and Melissa GAUHTIER called 9-1-1 to report the fire.

Julie GAUTHIER told SA FRICK that on October 22, 2007 at approximately 11:30 a.m., she was driving southbound on Cajon Blvd. with Melissa GAUTHIER. At the intersection of Kenwood Avenue, near Interstate 15, Julie GAUTHIER observed a large "blue ball of light" emitting from the top of a power pole located near the intersection. She estimated the light traveled five feet away from the top of the pole. Julie GAUTHIER described the blue ball of light as an "arc". Seconds after she witnessed the arc, a fire started on the ground near the base of the power pole. Julie GAUTHIER continued by describing the rate of the fire as really quick. It was windy and the fire spread rapidly. Melissa GAUTHIER, a passenger in the vehicle, used her cellular telephone to call 9-1-1 and reported the fire.

Julie GAUTHIER pointed to the power pole that she believed started the Cajon Fire. From the intersection, Julie GAUTHIER described the power pole as the second one back from the road. Julie GAUTHIER used the metal wrap around the power pole to identify the location she witnessed the arc. There were three power poles that were wrapped with metal sheathing. Julie GAUTHIER believed that it may have been the second wrapped pole from the intersection that created the arc. However, the more she looked, the less she was sure. Julie GAUTHIER told SA FRICK that it may have been the third power pole that she observed emitting the "blue ball of light".

Melissa GAUTHIER, who was also present during the interview, told SA FRICK that she had not witnessed the "blue ball of light" but that she heard Julie GAUTHIER exclaim, "Did you see that!" or "Look at that!".

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When Melissa GAUTHIER had looked in the direction Julie GAUTHIER had indicated, Melissa GAUTHIER immediately witnessed a fire start near the base of a power pole. Melissa GAUTHIER did not see the blue ball of light but witnessed the fire start immediately after Julie GAUTHIER'S observations and excited utterance.

Both Julie GAUTHIER and Melissa GAUTHIER'S observations were made approximately 150 yards away from the power pole. Both had a direct line of sight to the power poles and their observations were not obstructed. ***(Gauthier MOI attachment #1 – photograph depicting location of observations, looking towards power pole)***

Julie GAUTHIER said that she had witnessed somebody arrive at the fire shortly after them who started using a camera. Julie GAUTHIER said that the man appeared to be taking video footage or photographs of the fire.

Approximately 5-10 minutes after the fire started, Julie GAUTHIER and Melissa GAUTHIER left the area.

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17. OFFICER'S SIGNATURE	18. WITNESS' SIGNATURE (*If Applicable*)
11-7-07	

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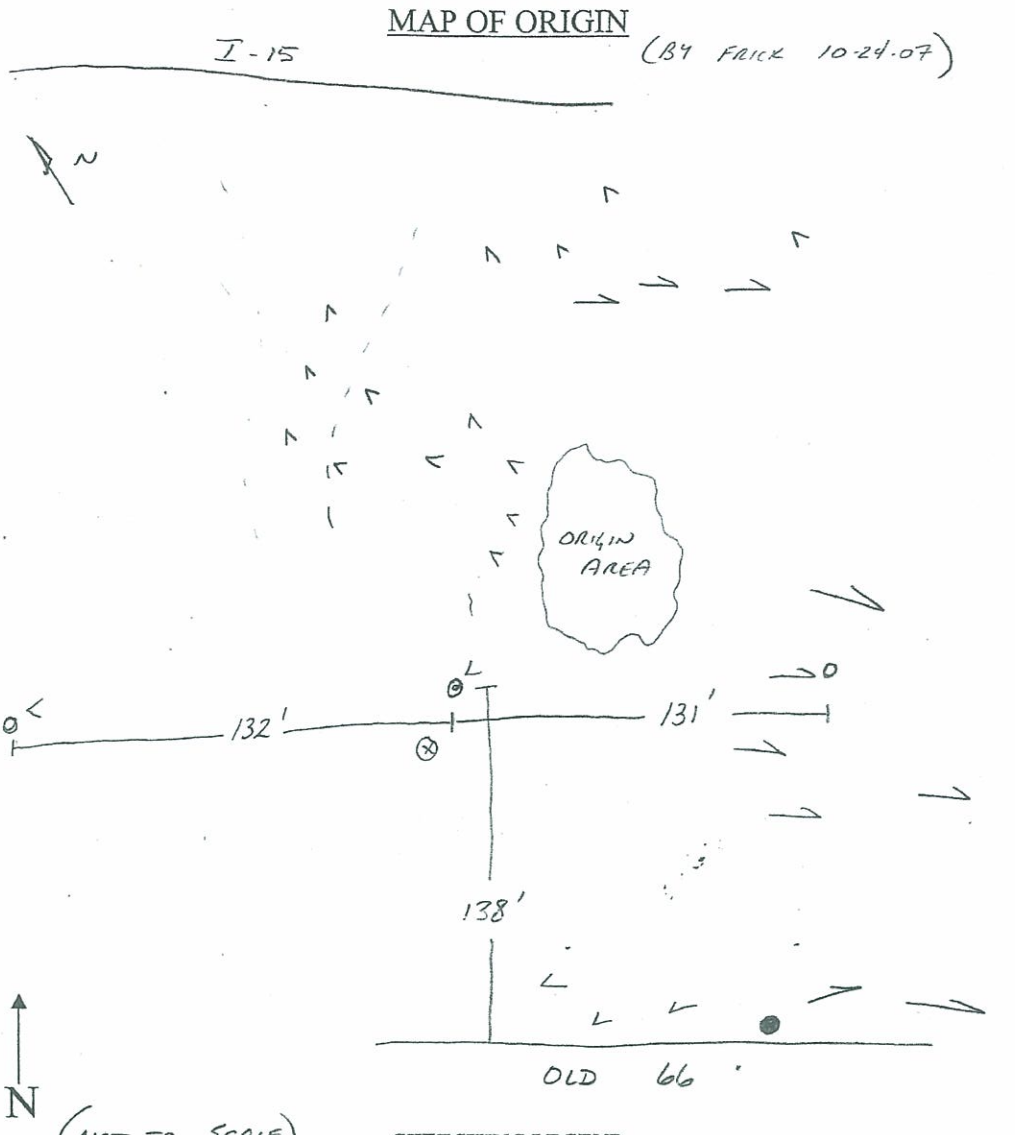
SA FRICK ORIGIN SKETCH

10- ATTACHMENT: Special Agent Frick Fire Origin Sketch



SA FRICK PHOTO LOG

10- ATTACHMENT: Special Agent Frick Photograph Log

PHOTOGRAPH LOG

CASE: Cajon Fire

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Cal Fire #07-3522-074

PHOTO DATE: October 23, 2007 and October 24, 2007

PHOTOGRAPHER: SA Stephen Frick

October 23, 2007

Photo #	Description
1	Overview of Cajon Fire origin area containing power poles and container, near intersection of Kenwood Ave and Cajon Blvd.
2	Broad overview of Cajon Fire origin area
3	Power pole in origin area depicting repairs on top cross beam.
4	(same as previous photograph)
5	(same as previous photograph)
6	Power pole in origin area from higher elevation showing center insulator replacement on top beam and two larger insulators (located on outside lines) which were present prior to repair on October 22, 2007.
7	(same as previous photograph)
8	(same as previous photograph)
9	(same as previous photograph)
10	Power pole in origin area from higher elevation looking west towards old Highway 66.
11	Close up of outer insulator (west side) containing marks from middle power line rubbing on 10-22-07. Middle power line contains marks.
12	(same as previous photograph)
13	(same as previous photograph)
14	(same as previous photograph)
15	(same as previous photograph)
16	(same as previous photograph)
17	Photograph from below power pole near origin depicting center power line on top cross-beam which contains fresh marks.
18	(same as previous photograph)
19	Photograph from below power pole near origin depicting center power line on top cross-beam which contains fresh marks. Large insulator on left is on the east side of the cross-beam.
20	(same as previous photograph)

41	(same as previous photograph)
42	Rock containing soot staining on downhill side. Blue flag indicates a backing fire indicator.
43	Opposite side of rock from photograph #42 containing no staining, protected side.
44	Rocks containing soot staining on downhill side. Blue flag indicates a backing fire indicator.
45	Opposite side of rocks from photograph #44 containing light staining, protected side. Also noted is presence of light to little fuels on protected side of rocks.
46	Rock containing soot staining on downhill side. Staining solid on side of rock to ground. Blue flag indicates a backing fire indicator.
47	Opposite side of rock from photograph #46 containing no staining at base of rock, protected side.
48	Base of bush burned on downhill side. Blue flag indicates backing fire indicator.
49	Opposite side of bush base from photograph #48, uphill side, containing very little burn at base.
50	Rock containing staining on downhill side.
51	Same rock from photograph #50 with very little staining on uphill side, protected side. Also noted that light fuels are present on protected side of rock.
52	Photograph from top of hill looking west towards origin power pole and blue flags representing backing fire indicators and a red flag indicating an advancing fire.
53	Photograph from top of hill looking southwest towards power pole to south of origin power pole with a blue flag representing a backing fire indicator and red flags indicating an advancing fire.
54	Power pole to south of origin power pole with staining high on pole. Staining on pole consistent with longer flame length and an advancing fire.
55	Power pole to south of origin power pole looking north towards origin power pole. Staining on power pole is high up pole consistent with a longer flame length.
56	Gas tank in Cajon Fire containing staining on right side. Red flag identifies gas tank as an indicator of an advancing fire.
57	Leaf "freezing" indicating direction of fire path and consistent with advancing fire, red flag.
58	(same as previous photograph)
59	(same as previous photograph)
60	Metal parts found in fire along old Highway 66 similar to support arms used on power poles in area to support cross-beams.
61	Bolt and nut found in fire similar to one that failed on origin pole. White flag indicates item of interest.

21	Photograph from below power pole near origin looking up at west side insulator on top cross-beam. Same insulator containing marks in photographs 11-16.
22	(same as previous photograph)
23	Photograph from Cajon Blvd. looking south towards intersection with Kenwood Ave. and Cajon Fire origin area.
24	(same as previous photograph)
25	(same as previous photograph)
26	(same as previous photograph)
27	(same as previous photograph)

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28	Power pole in origin area of Cajon Fire, after Southern California Edison pushed in road and repaired pole. Blue flags in photograph indicate a backing fire burn indicator.
29	Power pole north of origin power pole. Road pushed in by California Southern Edison. Blue flags in photograph indicate a backing fire burn indicator.
30	Origin area power pole on left of photograph and power pole to south (right) of origin power pole. Blue flags in photograph indicate a backing fire burn indicator.
31	Old Highway 66 looking south towards direction Cajon Fire traveled. Red flags in photograph identify advancing fire burn indicator.
32	Area northwest of origin power pole containing blue flags representing backing fire burn indicators.
33	Area southwest of origin power pole containing backing and advancing fire indicator flags.
34	Base of origin pole in Cajon fire depicting low intensity fire evident by height of staining on metal wrap. Blue flag indicates backing fire and white flag represents location of bolt found by Rod Delgado on October 22, 2007.
35	(same as previous photograph)
36	Origin power pole looking up hill in direction of blue flag, indicating a backing fire traveling up the hill.
37	Photograph from the origin power pole looking south towards the next pole.
38	Photograph from the origin power pole looking north towards the next pole. Pole to the north contains a higher staining mark evident of a longer flame length.
39	Drainage to southeast of origin power pole containing blue flags, backing indicators traveling up the hill.
40	Hill to the east of the origin power pole containing blue flags, backing indicators traveling up the hill. Photograph contains red flags representing indicators consistent with advancing fire or a run for the fire.