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### **Cause of Ford Island house fire determined**

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM - A Federal Fire Dept. investigator determined the fire that broke out at a two-story residence on Ford Island Friday night was caused by a 7-year old boy playing with a lighter in a bedroom closet. The boy suffered minor burns to his arm and was treated on scene by FFD and City EMS. The boy's parents and two older siblings were unharmed.

Four Honolulu fire companies and three Federal fire companies responded to the fire at 1043 West Virginia Street at approx. 9:06 p.m. on July 20. The fire was under control before 10 p.m. The fire was confined to a back bedroom of the four-bedroom, two-story house however the entire 2nd floor was heavily damaged by smoke and water; and the first floor sustained water damage.

The family of five spent the rest of the night at the home of a neighbor. Forest City, the Navy's PPV housing partner, is assisting the family with a new housing assignment and is working with their insurance representative in determining a damage estimate to the property.