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(Above) A person of interest from an intentionally set fire on Thursday, June 29, at Gabe's. One photo (far right) shows a tattoo on the individual's left arm. Anyone with information about the identity of this person should contact HFD.

## HFD seeks information on person of interest in intentional fire at Gabe's

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department is seeking the public's help in identifying an individual considered a person of interest following an intentionally set fire last week at the Gabe's.

The fire occurred late Thursday afternoon, June 29, in the home goods section of the store located near the corner of East Market Street and University Boulevard. Employees used fire extinguishers to put out the fire prior to HFD's arrival, and two employees were transported to the hospital for care with non-life-threatening injuries suffered while trying to extinguish the fire.

Estimates put damage totals at \$30,000. The store was occupied with customers at the time of the fire who safely evacuated. The store closed Thursday, reopening Friday afternoon.

Surveillance video showed an individual (pictured) who is considered a person of interest by investigators with the HFD Fire Marshal Office. Anyone with information about this individual, or the fire, is encouraged to contact investigator Capt. Luke Walker at 540-432-7703. Anonymous tips related to this incident can be sent to Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050.

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