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Early Morning Fire Quickly Extinguished by Weaverville Fire Department

Weaverville Fire Units responded to a structure fire at 111 Ransom Rd, One Stop Automotive on Saturday morning at 0331. The fire was reported by California Highway Patrol Officers who had been called to the business for a burglar alarm.

The first Weaverville Fire Captain arrived and found smoke coming from the front roll-up doors. The first Engine arrived and made entry into the building to extinguish the fire that had extended from the repair bays to a storage loft. The fire was contained at 0356. Douglas City Fire assisted the three units from Weaverville Fire Department in extinguishing this fire. A total of 17 firefighters from both agencies responded to this incident.

The origin of the fire was in the front corner of the repair bays and is still under investigation. "The fire appears to be accidentally started, possibly by an electrical appliance" stated Scott Alvord, Interim Fire Chief from Weaverville. No signs of burglary were noted by crews as they arrived.

The loss for this fire is placed at \$15,000.00 for structure and \$35,000.00 for content. Three vehicles were inside the building at the time of the fire. One had a slight melt rear tail lens and all three had soot and smoke damage. A cage holding a pet iguana was in the area of origin but fire crews were unable to locate the animal during their overhaul of the fire. The business owner, Frankie Manfredonia located the iguana later in the day. He was reported to be cold with small burns to his feet.

Interim Fire Chief Scott Alvord stated, "The key to extinguishing this fire was early detection while the fire was small and great work by the fire crews on the scene. I would like to remind all business owners and residents to be careful when leaving electrical devices on overnight."