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ARREST OF ARSONIST IN PABLO ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24

On Monday, August 24, 2020, at around 5pm, a citizen called 911 to report a fire in the trees north of the old Plum Creek Mill off of Light Rd in Pablo. This observant and vigilant citizen also observed a suspicious person in the area and reported this to the 911 call center. Ronan Fire Department was paged. Prior to their arrival, a Lake County Deputy Sheriff arrived to assess the fire and determined the fire to be too involved to suppress with his fire extinguisher. However, the Deputy did locate the suspicious male nearby and his investigation of this person led to his arrest. He is identified as Julian Draper, a 33 year old male, of Pablo. He is currently in the Lake County Jail and has been charged with Arson.

Ronan Fire, CSKT Division of Fire, and workers from a nearby jobsite aided in the suppression of this fire that had potential to become a major incident which could have threatened homes and other buildings. The Sheriff's Office would like to extend our gratitude to citizen's in our community, such as the caller in this case, and the nearby workers, who take a vested interest in helping where they can.

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