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For Immediate Release:

During the early morning hours of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, officers of the Newberg-Dundee Police Department and Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue personnel responded to a fire at a residence in the 400 block of North Villa Rd., in Newberg.

When officers arrived, they found a flag that was attached to the residence had been set on fire and was destroyed. The residence sustained slight damage but there were no injuries during the event.

A Surveillance video showed a masked individual set an American flag (colored to show support for the LGBTQ+ community) on fire. After lighting the flag on fire, the suspect appeared to perform what is commonly known as a "Nazi salute," and then left the scene.

The Newberg-Dundee Police Department takes these cases very seriously and there is no place in our community for these types of actions. The case is currently being investigated as a bias crime by the Special Investigations Unit.

If you have any information that may lead to developing a suspect in this case, please contact Detective Fouch at (503) 538-8321 or by email at <u>daniel.fouch@newbergoregon.gov</u>.



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