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Two Saturday fires under investigation

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KEARNEY — The Nebraska State Fire Marshal is investigating a pair of fires that occurred Saturday morning within about an hour of each other and about one block apart in central Kearney.

The first of the fires, at 4:04 a.m., destroyed a garage and a 1989 Ford pickup. The home at 116 E. 25th St. is occupied by Bob Koehler and owned by David Simms.

Members of the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department had the garage fire extinguished by 4:19 a.m., but received a second dispatch at 5:03 a.m. that the entry to an apartment was burning at 224 E. 26th St.

The fire was quickly extinguished, but it damaged the front and back of the entry door to an apartment, which is owned by Coldwell Banker. The apartment's occupant is Allen Lichti.

KVFD Administrator Ken Tracy said the state fire marshal is investigating both fires. Tracy declined to say how the fires were ignited.

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