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On Friday September 16th, 2011, officers from the Inglewood Police Department responded to 4338 W. 101st Street regarding an electrical transformer that was producing sparks. When the officers arrived they observed fire associated to the transformer at 10024 S. Hawthorne Boulevard and fire at the base of the power pole. Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel were also dispatched to the incident.

Adjacently parked next to the burning pole, officers immediately approached a truck with an attached fifth wheel trailer. The officers contacted two injured subjects standing outside the aforementioned vehicles. During the investigation, officers revealed the subject and his juvenile daughter were attempting to steal utility power. Their ineffectual attempt resulted in disruption of normal performance to the transformer. Both subjects sustained burns to their upper body and were transported to a local hospital. After physical examination by a physician and medically listed in critical condition, the subjects were transported to a local burn center for their injuries.

Southern California Edison responded to shut down the electricity and assist with the investigation. Inglewood Police Department is investigating a criminal offense for theft of utility services.

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