

An unknown suspect remains on the lam in connection with a possible arson of the local property maintenance office of a Gallup state legislator.

Sen. George Muñoz, D-Gallup, said his office, Munoz Properties, at 2607 Chamisal Ave., was partially set ablaze Dec. 27. He said he has no idea why somebody would do such a thing.

"I don't know why someone would do this," Muñoz said. "The situation is under investigation."

According to a fire report, the left side screen and window pane of the business was broken and burned. Smoke damage was noted in the report as having occurred inside the walls of the business. A mini set of blinds was pulled down from its hinges and was on the ground, the fire report states.

"It appeared an unknown liquid had been splashed on and down a desk," the report reads. There was damage to a computer and printer in the one-story building, according to the report.

Muñoz said there was no one injured in the incident. The Gallup Police Department became involved because investigators determined the incident to be possible arson.

A Gallup native and son of a former Gallup mayor, Muñoz said he's owned the building for

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about 40 years and nothing of the sort has happened in that time.

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