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## **News Release**

*For Immediate Release*

**Contact:** PIO Mike Page  
**Date:** 4-20-07  
**Address:** 176 29 Road  
**Name of Business:** Orchard Mesa Market  
**Alarm Type:** Structure Fire  
**Time Dispatched:** 7:00 PM  
**Time on Scene:** 7:10 PM  
**Control Time:** 7:25 PM

The Grand Junction Fire Department responded to a report by employee's of heavy smoke coming from the basement on the east side of the store. Five units and 18 personnel including the battalion Chief responded. E-14, the first arriving unit, reported heavy smoke coming from the basement of the store and made entry into the basement through the doors on the east side. E-14 found the seat of the fire in a smoker in the meat processing area. The fire was contained to the smoker itself and was extinguished after the natural gas was shut down to the building. 29 Road north and south of the store was shut down to give crews access to the building and a water supply was established from a hydrant north of the store. There was no structural damage but significant smoke damage to the meat processing area and the stored meat in the coolers. Crews removed the smoke from the area using fans.

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**Damage is estimated at over \$15,000.00 and included the smoker and a significant portion of the meat storage. There were no injuries to employee's or firefighters due to the fire. The store did a great job of evacuating patrons and employee's prior to arrival of fire crews. Cause of the fire in the smoker is still under investigation at this time.**

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