SC house badly damaged by fire

A fire broke out in an empty house on Gault Street in Santa Cruz early yesterday morning, causing about \$80,000 worth of damage.

The interior and about one-third of the rear exterior of the house were engulfed in flames when fire fighters arrived shortly after 2 a.m., a spokeswoman for the Santa Cruz Fire Department said. No one was injured and no other property was damaged.

Fire officials are calling the fire suspicious. An investigation into

the cause is continuing.

The house, at 349 Gault St., was being offered for sale by ERA American Dream Realty. Fire officials did not have the name of the owner this morning.