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CAL FIRE Arrests Bay Area Arson Suspect

CAL FIRE investigators have arrested a Bay Area man on suspicion of arson. Daniel Lee Pletcher, 24, from Martinez was booked into the Contra Costa County Jail. The arrest comes after more than a year of investigating suspicious fires throughout Contra Costa and Solano Counties.

CAL FIRE investigators work diligently in arson cases to aggressively prosecute those suspected of intentionally starting fires. Numerous fire and law enforcement agencies worked closely with CAL FIRE to make the arrest. Those involved included the Contra Costa County Fire Investigation Unit, Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office, Martinez Police Department, East Bay Regional Park District, Solano County District Attorney's Office and CHP.

As fire danger remains extreme across California, arson is a major threat to both life and property. Residents should be vigilant in their preparedness and aware of suspicious persons when a fire does start. If you witness someone suspicious, make note of the time, his or her physical description, and vehicle description, including the license plate number. Anyone with information about arson is urged to contact the CAL FIRE Arson Hotline at 1-800-468-4408. Callers can remain anonymous.

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