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### **MADERA ARSON DEFENDANTS IN COURT TODAY**

MADERA, CA. – District Attorney David A. Linn personally appeared on behalf of the People today at 9am in Department 8 of the Madera Superior Court located in Bass Lake during a pre preliminary hearing for Michael Lee Lapschies. Mr. Lapschies, who had been previously charged with 8 felony counts of arson and one felony count of terrorist threats, was arraigned on an additional complaint filed today for a violation of Penal Code section 69, resisting or deterring a police officer. Mr. Lapschies remains in jail and upon a motion by his defense attorney will be psychologically examined to determine if he will be able to aid in his own defense and stand trial. The case was continued until November 12 in Bass Lake Superior Court at 9am.

At 1:15pm today, D.A. Linn personally appeared in Department 45 before the Honorable James Oakley on three cases involving the defendant in the Willow Fire arson case and the two defendants in the Sundance Fire arson case. During the court appearance Judge Oakley continued the defendants' house arrest with electronic surveillance order until a further hearing which will be held on October 28 in Department 45 of the Madera Superior Court.