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MINOR WHO STARTED THE JOHN WEST FIRES PLACED ON HOUSE ARREST

MADERA, CA. – The minor who started the John West fires last year in eastern Madera County appeared in Madera Superior Court today in response to a petition that had been filed alleging that he had violated the order of Superior Court Judge James Oakley issued on November 21, 2014.

His violations involved inappropriate activities, such as taking pictures and being in close proximity to the recent Willow fire.

District Attorney David A. Linn appeared on behalf of the people. The minor was remanded to the custody of his father and grandmother. He was placed on house arrest, electronic monitoring, and given a curfew during the evening and night hours. The matter was also continued for two weeks. The minor is not to leave his current residence prior to the next court date of August 28th.

D.A. Linn said, “I am pleased that we have been able to make progress in our attempt to make eastern Madera County a safer place to live.”

D.A. Linn will be appearing on behalf of the people tomorrow, August 18th, when the suspect of the Willow Fire makes his initial appearance in court.