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## **SERIAL ARSONIST ARRAIGNED, HELD ON \$5,000,000 BAIL**

RIVERSIDE, CA: Today, Corey Joseph Marchand, 22, was arraigned on nine felony counts of arson. He pleaded not guilty and remains in custody on \$5,000,000 bail.

“Our county is far too familiar with the devastating and deadly consequences that arsonists pose,” said District Attorney Rod Pacheco. “With fire season right around the corner arsonists must know that they will be dealt with severely in Riverside County.”

Marchand, who lives in the Pedley area, is suspected of starting dozens of additional fires in the area. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department Arson Hotline at (800) 633-2836.

On March 30, 2010, a Riverside County sheriff’s deputy was on the scene of a small fire in Pedley, an unincorporated community of Riverside County. While assisting with traffic and crowd control, the deputy noticed Marchand who seemed to be out of place. The deputy engaged Marchand in conversation and he admitted to starting the fire. The deputy asked Marchand to write a letter of apology for starting the fire, which he did. When the deputy coordinated his investigation with the Riverside County Fire Department’s Arson Unit they were able to connect Marchand to eight other fires.

“Arson is a destructive act that poses a threat to life and property and will not be tolerated in Riverside County. As always, we continue to work diligently with the Riverside County Sheriff’s Office and District Attorney’s Office to keep our communities free of arsonist,” said Riverside County Fire Chief John R. Hawkins.

The case, RIF10001989, is being prosecuted by Samara Silverman. Marchand faces up to 14 years in prison and is next scheduled to appear in Dept. 51 of the Riverside Hall of Justice at 8:30 AM, April 22, 2010.

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