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MIRA LOMA MAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER AND ARSON

RIVERSIDE – The Riverside County District Attorney’s Office has charged a Mira Loma man who tried to kill his former girlfriend’s parents by breaking into their home and throwing clothing he doused in lighter fluid onto their bed as they slept.

Kenneth Glenn Lopez Elwell, 19, was charged on July 8, 2010, with two counts of attempted murder, one count of burglary, and one count of arson causing great bodily injury with an enhancement that the arson was caused by the use of an accelerant.

The evidence shows that on July 6, 2010, Elwell went to the home of his former girlfriend and her parents in Mira Loma. Elwell and the girl had recently broken up.

Elwell broke into the home through a downstairs window, then saturated some clothing with lighter fluid, ignited the accelerant and threw it onto the bed where the girl’s parents were sleeping upstairs. The girl’s father woke up and was able to get his wife and daughter safely out of the house before going back in and extinguishing the fire. However, he received second- and third-degree burns after the clothing was thrown onto the bed by Elwell. The victim’s wife and daughter were not physically injured.

Arson investigators from Cal Fire and Riverside County sheriff’s deputies investigated the crimes and Elwell was arrested.

Elwell appeared in court at the Hall of Justice in Riverside on Thursday, July 8, 2010. His arraignment was postponed until July 22, 2010, to be held in Dept. 42.

Elwell faces about 29 years to life in prison in case RIF10004865.

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