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TEMECULA MAN CHARGED IN SERIES OF ARSON FIRES

RIVERSIDE – A Temecula man has been charged with intentionally starting nine fires, including the devastating Cranston Fire in the Idyllwild area.

Brandon N. McGlover, DOB: 1-10-86, was charged by the Riverside County District Attorney's Office today, July 27, 2018, with 15 felony counts related to nine separate fires. He has been charged with one count of aggravated arson (Penal Code section 451.5 (a) (3)), five counts of arson of an inhabited structure (Penal Code 451 (b)), and nine counts of arson of forest or wildland (Penal Code 451 (c)).

McGlover is scheduled to be arraigned in case SWF1807512 today at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. S204 at the Southwest Justice Center in Murrieta.

If convicted as currently charged, McGlover faces a potential life sentence. He is currently being held in lieu of \$1 million bail.

McGlover was arrested about 1 p.m. on July 25, 2018, in the area of State Street and Old Newport Road in Hemet. The arrest happened after a series of fires believed to have been intentionally set broke out in Southwest Riverside County. Information about a possible arson suspect was developed by arson investigators with CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire. Members of the Hemet/San Jacinto Gang Task Force located and detained McGlover and he was arrested by arson investigators without incident.

The largest arson fire McGlover is charged with setting is the Cranston Fire. As of 8 a.m. on July 27, that fire is reported to have consumed an estimated 11,500 acres, destroyed five homes, and was only about three percent contained.

The nine arson fires were all set the same day, July 25, and were in the Idyllwild, Anza, and Sage areas.

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