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**EL DORADO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY VERN PIERSON  
ANNOUNCES THE GRAND JURY INDICTMENT  
AGAINST WAYNE ALLEN HUNTSMAN**

El Dorado County District Attorney Vern Pierson announced today that an El Dorado County Grand Jury indicted Wayne Allen Huntsman on charges of felony arson related to the King Fire.

On December 3, 2014, an El Dorado County Grand Jury indicted Huntsman with a violation of Penal Code § 451(c), Arson of Forest Land, a felony, and with multiple Special Allegations of Arson with Aggravating Factors. Today, Huntsman was arraigned on the Indictment in El Dorado County Superior Court and his bail remains set at \$10,000,000. The defense filed a motion to recuse the judge and the matter is now set for a Trial Setting Conference on January 23, 2015, at 1:30 PM in Department 2 of the El Dorado County Superior Court with Judge Melikian.

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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
9 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
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11 THE PEOPLE OF THE  
12 STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

13 Plaintiff,

14 -vs-

15 WAYNE ALLEN HUNTSMAN,

16 Defendant(s).  
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DKT #: P14 CRF0715

18 INDICTMENT

19 The Grand Jury of El Dorado County accuses WAYNE ALLEN HUNTSMAN, as follows:

20 COUNT I

21 On or about the 13th day of September, 2014, in the County of El Dorado, the crime of ARSON  
22 OF FOREST LAND, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 451(c), a Felony, was committed by  
23 WAYNE ALLEN HUNTSMAN, who did willfully, unlawfully, and maliciously set fire to and burn and  
24 cause to be burned forest land located in and around Pollock Pines, California, to wit: the fire known as  
25 the King Fire.  
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1                   **SPECIAL ALLEGATION - ARSON WITH GREAT BODILY INJURY**

2                   It is further alleged as to Count I, pursuant to Penal Code section 451.1(a)(2) that the following  
3                   aggravating factor exist: A firefighter suffered great bodily injury as a result of the offense.

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5                   **SPECIAL ALLEGATION - ARSON WITH MULTIPLE VICTIMS**

6                   It is further alleged as to Count I, pursuant to Penal Code section 451.1(a)(3) that the following  
7                   aggravating factor exist: The defendant proximately caused great bodily injury to more than victim as a  
8                   result of the offense.

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10                  **SPECIAL ALLEGATION - ARSON WITH MULTIPLE STRUCTUES BURNED**

11                 It is further alleged as to Count I, pursuant to Penal Code section 451.1(a)(4) that the following  
12                 aggravating factor exist: The defendant proximately caused multiple structures to burn as a result of the  
13                 offense.

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15                  **SPECIAL ALLEGATION – AGGRAGRATED ARSON**

16                 It is further alleged as to Count I, pursuant to Penal Code Section 451.5(a) the defendant  
17                 willfully, maliciously, deliberately, with premeditation, and with intent to cause injury to one or more  
18                 person and to cause damage to property under circumstances likely to produce injury to one or more  
19                 persons and to cause damage to one or more structures or inhabited dwellings, set fire to, burned, and  
20                 caused to be burned, any residence, structure, forest land, and property with one or more of the  
21                 following aggravating factors:

- 22                 • The fire caused property damage and other losses in excess of six million five hundred thousand  
23                 dollars (\$6,500,000), pursuant to Penal Code Section 451.5(a)(2); and,
  - 24                 • The fire caused damage to, or the destruction of, five of more inhabited structures, pursuant to  
25                 Penal Code 451(a)(3).
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1 **SPECIAL ALLEGATION - PRIOR OFFENSES - ELIGIBILITY FOR PROBATION**

2 It is further alleged as to Count I, that said WAYNE ALLEN HUNTSMAN was convicted of the  
3 following felonies within the meaning of Penal Code Section 1203(e)(4):

<u>Court Case</u>	<u>Code/Statute</u>	<u>Conviction Date</u>	<u>County/State</u>	<u>Court Type</u>
S6-08860	245(A)(1) PC	02/13/1997	Santa Cruz, CA	Superior
S6-08860	487(C) PC	02/13/1997	Santa Cruz, CA	Superior
S609637	10851(A)VC	02/13/1997	Santa Cruz, CA	Superior
	496 PC	12/15/2003	Plumas, CA	Superior

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