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Arson Arrest Made Following Fires Near Swains Flat

Fortuna, CA. On August 12, 2025, at approximately 08:43 AM, CAL FIRE Law Enforcement made an arrest in connection with two fires reported near Swains Flat on August 10th. The suspect was arrested and transported to Humboldt County Jail, where they were booked on the following charges:

CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE: 451 (c) - Felony
CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE: 422 (a)- Felony
CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE: 245 (a)(1)- Felony

CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Officers work diligently to investigate all fires and apprehend those suspected of unlawfully causing fires. Wildland fires pose a major threat to life, property, and our state's natural resources. CAL FIRE urges the public to be vigilant in their preparedness and aware of suspicious activity.

If you observe any suspicious activity, please report it immediately. Anonymous reports may be made at any time by calling our 24-hour Arson Hotline at **1-800-468-4408**.

For more information on how you can be prepared for wildfire, visit [Home - Ready for Wildfire CAL FIRE Safety & Preparedness Tips](#) or www.fire.ca.gov.