



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MEDIA ADVISORY

December 6, 2018

CON FIRE TO DISCUSS SERIAL ARSON CONVICTION FIRE INVESTIGATION

31 Count Conviction Related to 2017 Fires Largest in Fire District History

WHEN: Thursday, December 6, 3 p.m.

WHERE: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Training Division, 2945 Treat Boulevard, Concord

WHAT: Attending media will learn about the months-long multi-agency investigation that led to this week's conviction of serial arsonist James Bishop III on 31 arson-related felony counts.

Some 45 fires were examined over the course of the investigation with 14 of these resulting in the charges in the case. The fires occurred in Antioch, Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Pittsburg, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Brentwood and Benicia.

These fires were set, in most cases, in vehicles adjacent to homes and, in one noteworthy case, in a vehicle immediately below the bedroom of sleeping children.

For more on the investigation, see attached Media Backgrounder.

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NOTE TO ALL MEDIA: Con Fire has implemented a new, automated On-Call PIO media phone line. For all Con Fire incidents, please note and call **1-925-660-PIO1 (7461)** to be connected to the on-duty PIO.

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District is a recognized fire service leader providing fire and emergency medical services to nearly a million people across a 304 square-mile area, in and around the nine major cities of Contra Costa County, California. The District, with 25 fire stations and some 400 employees, is dedicated to the preservation of life, property and the environment.

PHOTOS -- Prepositioning Delivers Red Flag Firefighting Resources -- 2/2/2