



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FELONY ARSON AND ASSAULT CHARGES FILED AGAINST RICHARD GARCIA**

Today, January 26, 2017, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against Richard Garcia related to Tuesday's house fire near Dakota and West Avenues.

Richard Garcia (59, of Fresno) has been charged with one (1) felony count of Arson of an Inhabited Structure or Property [P.C. 451(b)], as well as two (2) felony counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon [P.C. 245(a)(1)].

Mr. Garcia is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is scheduled for Arraignment in Department 32 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Friday, January 27, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Garcia faces a potential sentence of up to ten (10) years in prison if convicted of the charges.

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