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PROTESTER PLEADS GUILTY TO ARSON

A 22-year-old man from Westminster has pleaded guilty today in connection with a fire that was set during an incident at Denver's Civic Center Park in December.

Michael Clapper (dob: 11-26-89) pleaded guilty to *fourth-degree arson* (F4).

Clapper was accused of setting fire to a structure and other debris that was part of an Occupy Denver protest in Civic Center Park on December 19, 2011, endangering people who were nearby.

Clapper, who has remained in custody since the incident, is scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 5D on March 16, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. for sentencing.