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YOUNG MAN CHARGED IN SERIES OF ARSON FIRES

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged an 18-year-old man with multiple counts of arson, accused in a series of fires in the Park Hill neighborhood last week.

Christopher Padgett (dob: 10-20-94) is charged with one count of *first-degree arson* (F3) and nine counts of *second-degree arson* (F4).

The charges allege that in the early morning hours of April 8, 2013, Padgett started a series of fires causing property damage to a building and numerous vehicles. He was arrested in the vicinity of the fires as he was trying to run away.

Padgett has been released from custody on a \$50,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on April 23, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

The presumptive range for sentencing on a Class 3 felony is up to 12 years in prison; the presumptive range for a Class 4 felony is up to 6 years in prison.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. See Colo. RPC 3.6

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