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Brian Patrick Tell Pleads Guilty to Arson

District Attorney Jeffrey S. Rosell announced today that Brian Patrick Tell pled guilty yesterday to arson. The plea stems from an incident that occurred on January 20, 2016. At 1:00 AM a fire was reported at 2955 Park Avenue involving a parked Volvo. At 1:43 AM another fire was reported at Subec Lane. The second fire burned a carport to the ground, destroying the five vehicles that were inside. There were two other carports nearby that were burned and seven other vehicles that were damaged from the heat of the fire.

The defendant faces a maximum of six years in State Prison. He will have to register as an arsonist for the rest of his life and he will be ordered to pay restitution to all victims. A sentencing hearing will be held on August 15, 2016.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Jason Gill and Steve Drottar. ADAs Gill and Drottar thanked Sheriff's Office deputies and DA Inspector Tom Corral for their thorough investigation that led to the plea. ADA Drottar said about the case, "Arson is a serious crime that can lead to tremendous destruction and loss of life. We are grateful for the first responders who contained the fires and relieved to see the perpetrator held accountable for his actions."