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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Arsonist Sentenced to Over 12 Years in State Prison**

A Robinson Mill man who had pled no contest to setting a series of fires over two days in the summer of 2021 was in Butte County Superior Court yesterday and was sentenced to over 12 years in state prison.

Guy Daniel Dalrymple, 48, of Robinson Mill had been charged with setting seven small fires over the course of two days (June 16 and 17, 2021) in the Robinson Mill area of Butte County, with an enhancement for committing those arsons while the area was under a state of emergency due to drought conditions and high fire danger.

Dalrymple pled no contest to one count of arson for each day on which he set the fires, and agreed to serve the maximum time allowed of 11 years, 4 months, in state prison for those charges. He was also ordered to serve an additional year for an earlier theft of a motor vehicle for which he was already on probation, for a total of 12 years, 4 months.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said that at approximately 3:40 a.m. on June 16, 2021, a logging truck driver spotted a 10 by 10-foot fire on the side of Forbestown Road, near Old Olive Highway. The truck driver reported the fire and was able to extinguish it. The fire was later determined to have been arson and witnesses tied Dalrymple to setting it.

Ramsey said the next day, on June 17, 2021, at approximately 11:30 p.m., residents in the area of Fire Camp Road reported a glow, then later a vegetation fire on both sides of Fire Camp Road. When Cal Fire personnel arrived, the fire had grown to one to two acres before they put it out. A yellow riding lawn mower, with no mower attachment, was located near the fire. Dalrymple was known to travel the area on that riding lawn mower and was seen in the area.

Ramsey credited the area residents as well as the truck driver for watching out for one another and for following the advisement “see something, say something.” The district attorney added that the community was very lucky, given the conditions those days, that the fires did not get out of control.

