



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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**MICHAEL HAMILTON Sr. CHARGED WITH
30 COUNTS OF ARSON FOR MULTIPLE
FIRES DATING BACK TO 2012**

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed charges against Michael Hamilton, Sr. for a series of fires dating as far back as May 2012.

Mr. Hamilton has been charged with thirty (30) felony counts of violating Penal Code section 451(c) [arson of a structure or forest].

The dates of the alleged fires are from 2012, 2014, and 2015, and include a string of fires from May of this year. The fires burned approximately 175 acres in total.

Mr. Hamilton was arrested by CAL FIRE Law Enforcement on Monday and remains in custody at the Fresno County Jail.

Mr. Hamilton is scheduled for Arraignment in Department 34 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Thursday, May 14th.