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**Man Charged with Arson, Attempted Murder  
of Ex-Girlfriend in Glendale**

A Sunland man was charged today with throwing an incendiary device into his ex-girlfriend's apartment in Glendale, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jodi Taksar said Gagik Akopyan (dob 5/24/78) faces one count each of attempted murder, arson of an inhabited structure and injuring a girlfriend.

Case GA096106 alleges Akopyan used a device designed to accelerate the fire and that he was convicted between 1997 and 2013 of robbery, first-degree residential burglary, receiving stolen property, conspiracy to commit intimidation of a witness and possession of methamphetamine.

Akopyan pleaded not guilty today and is due to return on May 12 to Department 1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Burbank Branch.

On April 19, the defendant allegedly broke a window in his ex-girlfriend's apartment, removed a board she had placed there for her protection and threw a device inside causing an explosion and a fire, the prosecutor said. Akopyan had punched the victim on April 8, the prosecutor added.

Bail for the defendant is set at more than \$2 million. If convicted as charged, Akopyan faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Glendale Police Department.

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