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West Covina Man Sentenced to Prison for Arson

A 43-year-old man was sentenced today to eight years in state prison for setting fires at several restaurant locations throughout the San Gabriel Valley, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, David Lin of West Covina pleaded no contest to six felony counts: five counts of arson of property of another and one count of arson of a structure in case No. KA108931.

In addition to the prison sentence, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Salvatore Sirna also ordered Lin to register as an arson offender for life.

Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Padilla, who prosecuted the case, said Lin committed arson at numerous restaurant locations between Jan. 27 and Feb. 3.

On Feb. 3, the defendant was at Ten Ren's Tea Time in Walnut when he reportedly entered a bathroom and set the toilet on fire.

After he exited the bathroom, a customer entered and noticed a fire, at which point authorities were called. Later that day, police apprehended Lin and arrested him in connection with the incident.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.