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Transient Charged with Recklessly Causing Lincoln Fire

A transient suspected of starting Sunday's fire near the Whittier Narrows Reservoir was charged today with recklessly causing a fire, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Arturo Miallan Aguilar (dob 11/21/69) is scheduled to be arraigned after 1:30 p.m. today at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, in case BA439032. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$20,000.

Deputy District Attorney Joy Roberts with the Arson Unit is prosecuting the case.

The so-called Lincoln Fire was first reported about 1:30 p.m. Sunday around the Montebello Hills. Aguilar was arrested later that same day.

Officials said the fire has burned approximately 300 acres and is about 80 percent contained. No structures have burned. Four people sustained minor injuries, officials said.

If convicted, Aguilar faces up to three years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Montebello Fire Department.

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