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Transient Charged with Setting Cars On Fire

A transient was charged today with setting fire to four cars in downtown Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Charles Barton (dob 3/30/82) is scheduled to be arraigned after 1:30 p.m. at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30. He is charged in case BA432309 with four counts of arson of another's property. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$200,000.

Deputy District Attorney Sean Carney with the Arson Unit is prosecuting the case.

Barton was arrested Dec. 18 by LAPD officers. Two of the car fires were at 11th Street and Olive Avenue. One vehicle was set on fire at 1025 S. Hill St. and one was set on fire at Santee Street and Olympic Boulevard.

If convicted, Barton faces more than three years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles City Fire Department and the Los Angeles Police 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 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.