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Transient Pleads in Garage Fire Case

A transient woman was sentenced today to two years in state prison after pleading no contest to setting a garage fire in Whittier, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Sarah Hope Kleiner, 45, was convicted of one felony count of recklessly causing a fire of a structure. The defendant was immediately sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Peter Espinoza at the Norwalk Courthouse. Additionally, Kleiner was ordered to pay the victim \$20,000 in restitution.

Prosecutors said officers responded to a call regarding a garage fire on Jan. 8. After extinguishing the flames, the home occupant told officials that inside the structure was a treadmill and other personal items.

During the police investigation, authorities linked the defendant to the crime and it was determined that Kleiner set fire to discarded Christmas trees that then ignited the garage fire.

The case was investigated by the Whittier 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. Annually, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecutes more than 60,000 felonies and 140,000 misdemeanor crimes.