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Man Arraigned on Felony Arson, Vandalism Charges

A Fullerton man has pleaded not guilty to charges of leaving a burning flare on a family's front steps while they were inside their home, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Rhett Joseph Zerboni (dob 11/28/84) was charged on October 5 with one count each of arson, vandalism and falsifying a registration license plate tab. He was arraigned yesterday and his preliminary hearing setting is scheduled for November 6 in Department J of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch.

On or about February 20, Zerboni allegedly cut a small piece from an election sign to use to falsify his license plate tab, according to the criminal complaint. He was confronted by the victims and the next day, was seen allegedly leaving the burning flare on the victims' doorstep in Cerritos, the complaint said.

If convicted of all charges, Zerboni faces a maximum sentence of nine years, eight months in state prison.

Case VA154330 is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Arson and Explosive Detail.

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