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RE: People v. Amos Lee Andrews Arson of Town Center Hotel, 215 N. Broadway, Santa Maria

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that charges have been filed against Santa Maria resident Amos Lee Andrews in connection with an arson at the Town Center Hotel, located at 215 N. Broadway in the City of Santa Maria.

A fire started at the residential hotel in the early morning hours of October 12, 2013. After an investigation by the Santa Maria Police Department and Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Andrews was arrested in the evening on October 12.

The felony complaint alleges one count of arson of an inhabited structure with the use of an accelerant and one count of residential burglary. Additionally, two more counts of arson are charged for setting fire in two separate dumpsters in the nearby area.

Andrews is scheduled to appear in court for arraignment tomorrow, October 16, 2013, in Department 9 of the Santa Maria Superior Court.

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