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**SERIAL ARSONIST CONVICTED ON FOURTEEN COUNTS**

**Woodland – October 29, 2008** Robert Eric Eason, 39, of Capay Valley was convicted today in Yolo County Superior Court on 12 counts of felony arson to wildland and two felony counts of possession of an incendiary device. The fires Eason is convicted of starting occurred in 2006. Eason was arrested on suspicion of arson October 12, 2006.

“We are pleased that CAL FIRE and the State of California dedicated such a significant amount of time, effort and resources to this case,” said Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig. “Their efforts were key in allowing us to remove a dangerous serial arsonist from our community.”

“This is one of the most complex arson investigation cases CAL FIRE has undertaken,” said CAL FIRE Unit Chief Ernie Loveless. “70 officers from five agencies dedicated thousands of hours to this case which has spanned the course of over three years. The success of this case is a testament to the tenacity and teamwork of these men and women.”

The following agencies participated in the investigation:  
CAL FIRE (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection)  
Yolo County District Attorney’s Office  
Yolo County Sheriff’s Department  
California Highway Patrol  
Governor’s Office of Emergency Services

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