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Woman Charged with Arson and Child Abuse

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Marcela Magana Ruiz (DOB 10/03/72), of Santa Paula, has been charged with the felony crimes of arson of an inhabited structure or property and child abuse in connection with a fire that occurred on December 1, 2019, at a residence in Santa Paula.

If convicted on the charges and serious crime “strike” allegation, which limits custody credits, Ruiz faces up to 9 years 4 months in prison.

On December 4, 2019, Ruiz appeared in court and was arraigned on these charges. An early disposition conference was set for December 13, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 37 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Bail for Ruiz is currently set at \$500,000.

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