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### **MAN CHARGED IN ARSON OF COACHELLA VALLEY MOSQUE ARRAIGNED**

**INDIO** – A man charged by the Riverside County District Attorney's Office with the arson of a mosque in the Coachella Valley was arraigned today, Dec. 16, 2015.

Carl James Dial, DOB: 12-10-92, of Palm Desert, entered not guilty pleas at his arraignment before Judge James Hawkins at the Larson Justice Center in Indio. His bail remained set at \$150,000.

The DA's Office has charged Dial in case INF1502080 with arson of a structure and burglary – both felonies -- as well as one misdemeanor count of committing a hate crime. The two felony counts each also include allegations that the arson and burglary were committed as hate crimes.

Dial is scheduled to next appear at a felony settlement conference on Dec. 28, 2015, in Dept. 3R at the Larson Justice Center.

If convicted as currently charged and sentenced consecutively, Dial could face a maximum sentence of 11 years, four months.

Shortly after noon on Friday, Dec. 11, 2015, a fire was reported at the Islamic Society of Coachella Valley, 84-650 Ave. 49 in Coachella. Firefighters extinguished the fire, which was contained to the foyer of the mosque, and determined it to be arson. Dial was identified as a suspect in the arson and arrested that evening.

No further information about the evidence in this case will be released at this time as this is an ongoing investigation.

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