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PRESS RELEASE

Contact Person: Captain Larry Cecchettini

Date: April 24, 2014

Subject: Sheriffs Arrest Courthouse Arson Suspect

Detectives from the Yolo County Sheriff's Office arrested a woman last night in connection with the arsons that occurred earlier in the day at the Yolo County courthouse.

Vanessa Arlene Rivers, age 24 of West Sacramento, turned herself in to sheriff's investigators last night, accompanied by two Yolo County deputy public defenders. After participating in an interview with detectives, Rivers was arrested for arson and vandalism and taken to the Yolo County Monroe Detention Center.

Rivers is accused of setting fires at all four courthouse entrances between 10:30 PM Tuesday night and 12:30 AM Wednesday morning. The fires caused minor damage to the entry doors and it wasn't until court personnel arrived yesterday morning that the damage was noticed. The courthouse was closed until 9:30 while detectives and court administrators secured the building and investigated the damage.

Rivers' bail is set at \$150,000. She is scheduled to be arraigned in Yolo Superior Court, Department 9 at 1:30 PM tomorrow.

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