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**Arsonist Receives 7 Years for Attempted Murder**

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Today, Corey Allon Harmon, 23 of Redding plead guilty to the attempted murder of his wife after trying to burn down the house she was sleeping in.

Honorable Judge James Ruggerio accepted the guilty plea from Harmon and set the sentencing date for September 22, 2011. Harmon will receive a stipulated sentence of 7 years in state prison. He will be required to do 85% of his sentence, pay full restitution and register as an arsonist upon his release from state prison.

The charges stemmed from a January 31, 2011 house fire in Redding. Harmon set fire to the house he shared with his wife and then left the house with his dog. His wife was asleep in her bed when the fire was started. The fire set by Harmon severely burned approximately 50% of the house. The damage was over \$100,000.

After an extensive investigation by RFD Inspector Craig Whittner, RFD Inspector Dean Herzberg and CALFIRE Inspector Artie Hernandez, Harmon became the primary suspect. Harmon ultimately confessed to starting the fire and to his desire to kill his wife.