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MAN AT OCCUPY PROTEST CHARGED WITH ARSON

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man with arson in connection with an incident earlier this week at Denver's Civic Center Park.

Michael Clapper (dob: 11-26-89) is charged today with four counts of *4th degree arson* (F4).

The charges allege that Clapper set fire to a structure and other debris that was part of an Occupy Denver protest in Civic Center Park on December 19, 2011, endangering people who were nearby.

Clapper was taken into custody at the scene and remains in the Denver Detention Center; his bond is set at \$50,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on Tuesday, December 27, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. See Colo. RPC 3.6

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