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FIRE ON WARNER BROS. BURBANK LOT ARSON SUSPECT APPREHENDED

DATE: June 2, 2016

This morning, at about 4:10 am, Burbank Fire Department and Warner Brothers Fire Department personnel responded to a fire burning in the southeastern part of the Warner Brothers property, in the general area of Valley Heart Drive and California Street. First responders found a group of trees burning in a wooded space.

It took firefighters about 11 minutes to extinguish the blaze once they arrived. The fire burned numerous trees, an electrical box and a pole. The value of the damaged property is being evaluated.

Burbank Police Detectives responded to the scene and quickly located surveillance footage depicting a man in the area of the fire at the time it started. A person who fit the description of the man in the footage, identified as 34 year-old Burbank resident Michael Bauer, was detained by investigators nearby at about 7:45 am.

Bauer, who has no prior criminal history, admitted to starting the fire and led investigators to a lighter and aerosol can he used. Bauer said he wanted to burn the trees down "because they were not sustainable."

Bauer was arrested for arson and is being held in-lieu of \$75,000 bond. He is due to appear in court Monday morning for arraignment.



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