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# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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### **Suspect arrested for recklessly causing the Shingle Fire**

**Camino** - CAL FIRE law enforcement officers arrested Jacob Morris a 21-year-old male of Elk Grove for recklessly causing the Shingle Fire on July 4, 2018. The fire was caused through use of illegal fireworks. The suspect was booked into the Sacramento County Jail on July 4, 2018.

The Shingle Fire burned 316 acres of grassy oak woodland near the community of Rancho Murrieta and Latrobe. Thanks to efforts by firefighters no structures were destroyed. CAL FIRE law enforcement officers work diligently to investigate all fires and prosecute those suspected of starting fires.

As fire danger remains high across California, wildfires pose a major threat to life, property and our state's natural resources. CAL FIRE urges the public to be vigilant in their preparedness and aware of suspicious activity when a fire does start. If you witness suspicious activity, the following steps should be followed:

- Do not approach the individual or individuals engaging in the suspicious behavior
- If safe to do so, note the description of the individual(s) including:
  - Location
  - Gender
  - Height
  - Weight
  - Clothing description
  - Hair color
  - Any distinguishing characteristics such as tattoos
- If a vehicle is involved in the suspicious activity, the following information can be helpful to investigators:
  - Make and model of vehicle
  - Color of vehicle
  - Location and direction of travel
  - License plate number – even a partial number can be useful
  - Bumper stickers or other markings
  - Number of occupants, including their description(s)
- Note the time the suspicious individual and/or vehicle were observed. This can be one of the most important pieces of information for investigators.

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