child molester jailed or threatening to set wildfires; not linked to California firestorms

The Associated Press

MALIBU, Calif. - A convicted child molester was charged Monday with threatening to set wild-fires in revenge for the seizure of his property, but prosecutors said they hadn't linked him to recent arson firestorms.

Firefighters stamped out hot spots in the 19,000-acre Malibu wildfire, and schools reopened for the first time since the blaze struck.

Thomas Lee Larsen, 43, was

and homes.

charged with one count of mailing a threat to damage or destroy by means of fire. The threat was in

letters mailed to police agencies Larsen, who was arrested Sunday, didn't enter a plea at his arraignment Monday. A Nov. 23 hearing was set before U.S. Magis-

trate Judge Carolyn Turchin. He faces a maximum of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine

U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles

Eick refused a request to post bond for Larsen, saying he posed a danger to the community.

Larsen's arraignment attorney, Phillip Bronson, asked for \$100,000 bail secured by the equity in Larsen's parents' home. Bronson said Larsen lived with his parents and would not want to hurt them.

Larsen also applied for a courtappointed attorney.

U.S. Attorney Terree Bowers said prosecutors had not linked Larsen to any of the 26 Southern

California wildfires that killed three people and destroyed more than 1,000 structures during the past two weeks.

Nineteen of those fires were the result of arson, according to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The seven-page letter, signed "Fedbuster," was sent in August and September to about 35 law enforcement agencies and to Los Angeles County homes picked at random, according to court documents.

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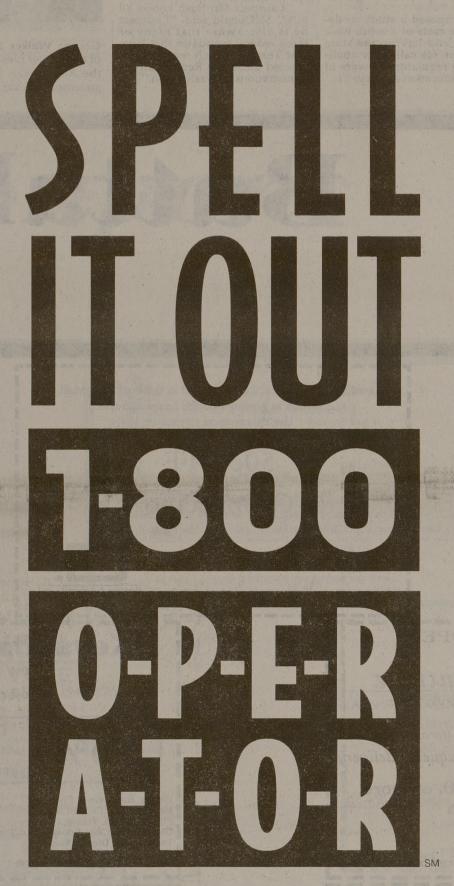
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