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Press Release – January 16, 2025 – Suspect in the Highland Lakes Fire Arrested



Booking Photo Lacey Tillitt

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 18-4-105, Lacey Tillitt was arrested for Class 2 Felony 4th Degree Arson. Tillitt was arrested for knowingly setting fire to her home which spread to become the Highland Lakes Fire.

Because of the actions with which Tillitt is charged, over 700 homes were threatened, the entirety of the Highland Lakes area was evacuated, and the surrounding neighborhoods were put on pre-evacuation orders.

The evacuation lasted for three days, and approximately 15 firefighting and medical agencies along with firefighting aircraft and county and state law enforcement supported the effort.

The Teller County Sheriff's Office greatly appreciates our enduring relationship with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office through which they assisted us by making the arrest.

Tillitt is being held on a \$50,000 bond. Criminal charges are merely allegations and all persons charged with committing a criminal act are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Any further updates on this case will be provided, when appropriate, by the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

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