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(S.D.)-Man Pleads Not Guilty To Trying To Burn Home

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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - A Box Elder man accused of trying to burn down his mobile home while his live-in girlfriend and her ex-husband were inside has pleaded not guilty to charges of arson and reckless burning.

Authorities allege that 29-year-old Joseph Hodges poured gasoline throughout the home and set it afire on Oct. 25. No one was hurt.

Hodges faces up to 35 years in prison if convicted.

Hodges also is seeking to get his \$100,000 bond reduced. Judge Janine Kern scheduled a hearing for Friday.

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