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### **Huntington Station defendant arraigned on two indictments**

A Huntington Station man arrested last week for driving while intoxicated with two young children in his car, and in connection with an East Northport arson on February 13, pleaded not guilty at his arraignments on two grand jury indictments before Judge Martin Efman today.

Aaron Tarkin, 25, had two of his friend's children, ages eight and five, in the car with him when police saw him driving erratically on New York Avenue in Huntington Station on February 21. Tarkin said he had consumed two vodkas about an hour before the 12:22 pm encounter with police.

Officers reported the defendant failed a roadside sobriety test and described him as having glassy, bloodshot eyes and alcohol on his breath.

Tarkin today pleaded not guilty to aggravated driving while intoxicated with a child, driving while intoxicated, endangering the welfare of a child and failing to stay in a designated lane.

At his second arraignment on a separate indictment, Tarkin pleaded not guilty to arson in the second degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree. On the night of February 13 on Glenridge Lane in East Northport, the defendant allegedly started a fire on the front stairs of a house by igniting a vodka bottle wrapped in fireworks and filled with gasoline and screws. The flames damaged the home's siding.

Judge Martin Efman set cash bail on the DWI case at \$50,000 with a bond alternative of \$100,000. For the arson indictment, bail is \$100,000 cash or \$200,000 bond. Tarkin is incarcerated in the Suffolk County jail.

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