



Quick Notes is an ICAC communication that will give you quick, timely links to recent news items impacting arson prevention, investigations, litigation and training. We trust that Quick Notes will be an easy way for you to remain current in news concerning arson control.

**Upcoming ICAC Events**



**Register now and save \$100!**

Beat the early bird registration date on **January 23rd** by signing up now for the 2015 ICAC Fire & Arson Investigation Seminar, being held February 23–25 at the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Hotel in Orlando, FL.

- [Review the Agenda](#)
- [Register today!](#)
- [Exhibit Show Information](#)

**Fire/Arson Investigations**

**Suspect in would be pot shop arson back in jail**

... investigators discovered evidence in Thomas' garage that he was producing hash oil, but he wasn't using the traditional method of combining the plants with butane. That process is suspected as the cause of several high-profile explosions in the area.

[www.spokesman.com](http://www.spokesman.com)

**Arson Trials**

**Innocence Project claims Flint arson-for-hire plot key to Arkansas man's killing**

Lawyers for an Arkansas woman convicted of murdering her husband are fighting for her release because they believe the actual killer was part of a Flint-based arson-for-hire scheme.

[www.mlive.com](http://www.mlive.com)

**Case Law**

**BRUCE GIVENS, ET AL. V. WEST BEND MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY**

On December 11, 2014, a jury returned a verdict in favor of West Bend Mutual Insurance Company arising out of two incendiary fires which occurred at its insured's day care business in 2012.

[arsoncontrol.org](http://arsoncontrol.org)

**HEDGES V. ALLSTATE**

Paragraphs 23 and 25 of the amended complaint, taken together, suggest that plaintiff is actually complaining that defendant's payment of his claim should not be delayed or precluded by any argument that he caused the fire himself. Plaintiff also alleges that defendant has repeatedly asked him for records after he has already supplied them. The Court concludes, however, that such conduct is not extreme or outrageous as a matter of law.

[scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)

**News/Interest**

**Arson Investigation at 'Mrs. Doubtfire' House in San Francisco**

[fox40.com](http://fox40.com)

**Angry arsonist tops list of insurance fraudsters**

[winnipeg.ctvnews.ca](http://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca)

**People slide down bedsheets to escape motel fire**

[www.bakersfieldnow.com](http://www.bakersfieldnow.com)

**Associate Member Profile**

**Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.** Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc. is an independent forensic engineering and origin and cause investigations company that provides a spectrum of services at competitive prices. We provide our clients with forensic analyses and origin and cause investigations that are the highest quality in the industry. Unified offers global experience, national coverage and local expertise. As one of the largest origin and cause investigative firms in the United States, we have a national footprint with a network of professional from coast to coast to ensure the timely and expert response you need, anytime, anywhere.

[www.uis-usa.com](http://www.uis-usa.com)

The ICAC Quick Notes e-Newsletter is published for those who would like the latest arson news updates. If you wish to unsubscribe from our e-Newsletter mailing list, simply reply to this message with the word "unsubscribe" (and nothing else) in the subject line.

[Click here to be added to the e-newsletter mailing list.](#)

Please direct all requests or comments to [webmaster@arsoncontrol.org](mailto:webmaster@arsoncontrol.org).