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**Fire/Arson Investigations**

**Man arrested after removing property from home during arson probe**

According to this news report: As the officer drove Taylor to jail, Taylor gave voice commands to his phone, which was in the front passenger seat of the patrol vehicle. Taylor commanded the phone to send three text messages and then gave the command "OK Google. Input command. Factory data restore."

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**Arson Trials**

**Prosecutors drop 1 charge before ex-firefighter's arson trial**

Prosecutors had also charged Potter with falsifying physical evidence after he allegedly took a picture of one of the fires with his cell phone and then tried to delete it.

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**Arson trial attorneys wage evidence battle**

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**Case Law**

**FREELAND V. GRANGE MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY**

Appellant claims there are genuine issues of material fact with regard to all four misrepresentations on which the trial court relied. Appellant argues that any misrepresentations were not material and willful but, rather, were inadvertencies based upon the stress he suffered as a result of the fire and business loss three days prior to his statement to Haggitt, the Columbus Fire Department investigator. Appellant also asserts that his statements to Grange did not affect Grange's attitude and action, and were not meant to mislead the claim investigation.

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

**News/Interest**

**Community Helps Restaurant Owners As Arsonist Search Continues**

[miami.cbslocal.com](http://miami.cbslocal.com)

**Sparking a love for science by studying how Christmas trees burn**

[www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org)

**Israeli cave offers clues about when humans mastered fire**

[news.sciencemag.org](http://news.sciencemag.org)

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