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Case Law

STATE V. RAMOS

Criminal case involving restitution for insurance company to recover expenses related to investigation and defense with the court confirming that "...the expenses that the company incurred after it denied defendant's claim were not so remote from defendant's criminal activities that there was no causal connection between them. The trial court did not err in ordering the challenged items of restitution.

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PATTERSON V. STATE

Accused seeks reversal of all convictions, arguing the trial court should have dismissed all the charges, or at least should have excluded the State's expert witnesses' testimony about the vehicle — a truck — allegedly used to start the fires, because the State allowed the truck to be destroyed before his expert could examine it.

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AMERICAN NATIONAL PROPERTY AND CASUALTY COMPANY v. STUTTE

On a claim of infliction of emotional distress plaintiffs contend that the [fire claim] investigation was sloppy, one-sided, incorrect, incomplete, lacking in thoroughness, etc. However, the deposition testimony of the claims investigator sets forth the factual circumstances that led American National to reach its decision to deny the claim and to assert the policy defenses of intentional loss, which in this case involves arson, and concealment or fraud. Whether American National's conduct in deciding to deny the claim will withstand the Stutte's bad faith failure to pay claim is a matter for the jury to determine. The conduct does not, however, demonstrate that American National's actions were "extreme and outrageous," "atrocious," and "beyond all bounds of decency."

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