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Fire/Arson Investigations

Bucks County Family Funded 'Extravagant Lifestyle' Through \$20M in Bogus Fire Insurance Claims: DA

A Pennsylvania family set fires in their matriarch's home so they could collect more than \$20 million in insurance claims, then used the cash float an "excessively extravagant lifestyle" marked by \$1.2 million in jewelry and six Ferraris, according to charges announced Thursday by Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane.

www.nbcphiladelphia.com

Report recommends police stop responding to some calls, investigate only violent crimes

He recommended the city cut its arson and cold case investigations and reassign those resources to investigating violent crime. The creators of the report called for the city fire department and state fire marshal to help cover arson investigations.

www.mlive.com

Arson Trials

Judge: Neighbor to stand trial for burning down cop's home

According to court documents, she believed that Morris had informed officers of her son's whereabouts and that Morris was ultimately to blame for his incarceration, according to court documents.

www.pottsmmerc.com

Eastpoint arson trial set to proceed

The affidavit said that the detectives retrieved 4,337 text messages, which they said revealed a conspiracy between the two men to commit arson.

www.apalachtimes.com

Embattled Vacaville pastor ends trial by pleading to arson, stalking charges

In a surprise turn of events, the embattled pastor of a Vacaville Baptist Church entered a no contest plea to charges of arson and stalking Thursday, signaling an abrupt end to a jury trial that began this week.

www.thereporter.com

Case Law

EMCASCO INSURANCE COMPANY V. KNIGHT

A very long and involved case including court review of an incomplete application for insurance, allegations for claims for lost property impacted by a previous bankruptcy, and breach of contract and bad faith.

scholar.google.com

News/Interest

Pokin Around: Recalling an arson and 'The Normal Heart'

Twenty-five years later it remains a mystery as to who set a residential arson that in the eyes of the public will forever be linked to the controversial play "The Normal Heart."

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