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Fire Investigations

Son charged with arson

In hindsight, Adams said she is almost glad she didn't settle the insurance last week as she had planned, after some earlier negotiations with the insurance company. Insurance followed almost immediately by a possible arson wouldn't look great.

www.recorder.com

Garrettsville, Ohio, fire not likely an arson

Days after a massive fire leveled an entire business block on Main Street in downtown Garrettsville, the community is banding together to overcome the tragedy.

www.the-review.com

Investigators: No foul play in Garrettsville blaze

Garrettsville -- Any possible criminal activity has been ruled out by Ohio's Division of State Fire Marshal investigators as a cause for the massive fire that leveled a block in downtown Garrettsville on March 22, although an official cause is still unknown.

www.auroraadvocate.com

Arson Trials

Blackwell Fire/Arson Case

Acquitted of Murder, Convicted of Arson and Larceny

A Lovington woman could be looking at more than a decade behind bars after a jury found her guilty of arson and larceny Wednesday.

www.wset.com

Blackwell testifies in her own defense in murder, arson trial

She has pleaded not guilty to the charges. She took the stand Monday as the last witness for the defense in the fourth day of the trial.

www.newsadvance.com

Trial continues in arson case in Nelson County

After three fires in four years at Linda Campbell Blackwell's Nelson County home, including one that killed a family friend, prosecutor Anthony Martin said her explanations were not "adding up."

www.newsadvance.com

Prosecution puts on final witnesses in arson, murder trial

Investigators and analysts with expertise in fire scenes were the final prosecution witnesses to be called to the stand.

www.newsadvance.com

Fire evidence examined in day 2 of Nelson murder trial

Fire investigators who examined the scene of two fires at a Lovington woman's home testified Thursday as to their findings in the second day of the trial.

www.newsadvance.com

Blackwell arson trial set for this week

The jury trial for a woman charged with felony murder, obtaining money by false pretenses and arson in connection with an Aug. 2, 2009 fire.

www.newsadvance.com

News/Interest

U of M Extension Arson Awareness Program sparks interest among local fire departments

Black billowing smoke could be seen coming from a large red trailer parked at the old Cotton Boll Sheltered Workshop site. However, firefighters were the ones lighting the fire as part of the Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness course.

www.dddnews.com

Black Forest residents respond to bickering about fire investigations

Fire chief, sheriff should cool public dispute, residents say.

www.krdo.com

News/Interest

Virginia Insurance Fraud Program posts annual report

The number of notifications received for the crime of insurance fraud slightly increased, and the arrests for insurance fraud and other related crimes such as arson, and forgery are holding steady, according to the recently released 2013 annual report.

<http://ifawebnews.com>

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