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Fire Investigations

Arson analysis tool could speed up investigations

University of Alberta researchers have teamed up with RCMP scientists to develop a computer program that could help investigators solve arson cases faster. The computer program examines data in seconds and cuts the need for extra levels of human analysis.

www.edmontonjournal.com

Watch: Surveillance video released in arson case

The Rochester Fire Department is offering an award to help find the individual or individuals who in 2012 set a fire in a city home that was heavily damaged in an insurance fraud case. Authorities released a video connected to the Aug. 18, 2012 blaze.

www.democratandchronicle.com

Case Law

Arson suspect allowed to appear unshackled

Saying the court did not want to restrain the press, Lucas County Common Pleas Judge Frederick McDonald ruled Thursday that the Oregon man charged with setting a fire that killed two Toledo firefighters may appear in court unshackled and in civilian clothing.

www.toledoblade.com

Case Law

HOWELL v. STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

Interesting case involving a *rescruiver* error on a deed of property and a judge inappropriately awarding summary judgment without addressing fraud/arson allegations.

<http://scholar.google.com>

News/Interest

Courts must evolve with science

For decades, lawyers, judges, and juries have turned to science to provide objective truths in criminal justice. TV shows like CSI and Bones suggest that forensic analysis can conclusively solve all manner of crimes. But scientific knowledge and expert opinions constantly evolve. When science marches on, how should the justice system respond?

www.philly.com

CTE goes CSI

Forensic science students from Huntsville High learn about arson investigation. With simulated crime scenes, demonstrations of arson investigation techniques, students got up close and personal with authentic crime scene situations.

www.itemonline.com

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