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**Fire Investigations**

**Man's arson-for-insurance plot backfired, and he's headed to prison**

According to court papers, the defendant "became agitated and defensive" when confronted about inconsistent statements he gave; and authorities became aware of another involved person when they examined defendant's phone records and discovered calls between the two the night of Feb. 6.

[www.thereporteronline.com](http://www.thereporteronline.com)

**Police: Cedar Park 'miniskirt' arsonist suspect in two other fires**

The man police say donned a miniskirt while setting fire to a Cedar Park bank may have set fire to two other nearby businesses.

[www.statesman.com](http://www.statesman.com)

**Arson Trials**

**Lakeland Woman Found Guilty in Arson of House**

State says she was trying to get ex-boyfriend's attention.

[www.theledger.com](http://www.theledger.com)

**New trial in Welch's fire case**

Robert and Laurie Rastovski will get a new trial for their claim against North Pointe Insurance Company after their business, Welch's Steak and Ribs in Sturgis, was burned in an arson in 2009.

[www.sturgisjournal.com](http://www.sturgisjournal.com)

**Case Law**

**ANTHONY FOLLETT v. MULBERRY MOBILEHOME PARK ASSOCIATES**

Plaintiffs contend that defendants had a duty to take reasonable measures to secure the premises against **foreseeable criminal** acts by third parties, and the arson that destroyed their mobilehome was foreseeable, based on an ongoing pattern of criminal activity. The court disagreed.

<http://scholar.google.com>

**News/Interest**

**ABC News Features the James Hugney Case**

ABC News in Harrisburg is airing a feature on the case of James Hugney Sr., a Harrisburg resident who has been in jail since 1979 for an arson that killed his son. His attorneys are arguing for a new trial

[www.digitaljournal.com](http://www.digitaljournal.com)

The news report was posted on May 21, 2014 and can be found here:

[www.abc27.com](http://www.abc27.com)

The actual case in 1980 can be found here:

[www.digitaljournal.com](http://www.digitaljournal.com)

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