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Fire Investigations

Fire destroys expensive Eastwood home, former owner accused of financial crimes cooperating

Investigators said there is one barricade in the way - the bank. Investigators need to move heavy machinery in to the structure to finish their investigation and they keep getting denied by the bank.

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Task force created to catch person responsible for 30 arson fires

More than 30 fires in Ephrata, Quincy and Soap Lake were set deliberately and a task force is being formed to catch the people responsible.

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Arson Trials

Building owner, insurance agent sentenced for Logan arson scheme

Unable to prove arson, the insurance company paid the owner \$1,010,000 which he then shared with his co-conspirators. However, criminal investigators from the Internal Revenue Service, working with West Virginia State Police seized the remaining \$450,000 in fraud proceeds from accounts controlled by Glick.

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Two more sentenced in Logan arson and insurance fraud case

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Third person sentenced for involvement in Logan arson scheme

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Jury acquits Nassau Co. arson suspect in 4 minutes

Man's ex-girlfriend wrongfully identified him out of spite, desire for reward.

A Hilliard man who was arrested in a string of arson fires to vehicles and homes between February and May 2013 was acquitted by a Nassau County jury in four minutes.

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Case Law

HANSON v. BAHMA

A photographer hired by Hanson to take pictures of his fire damaged home removed three items from the house: a sander, a halogen light, and a brooder light. The photographer offered safekeeping for the items in case they needed to be analyzed as potential accidental causes of the fire to which Hanson agreed. The photographer contacted the state fire marshal and opined that the fire was the result of arson. The court affirmed a grant of summary judgment because the photographer is **statutorily immune** from civil liability arising from his report to the state fire marshal.

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News/Interest

Fire Investigators: One part firefighter, one part police officer

To become a fire investigator, you have to pass the civil service test and go to the National Fire Academy's basic fire investigator's course. There's also continuing education and the training for the law enforcement side. Due to the police training, a fire investigator can place a suspect under arrest, as well as interrogate a potential suspect, too; self-incrimination is one of the more common ways investigators are able to make an arrest.

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