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Fire Investigations

The Bible for Fire and Explosion Investigation

NFPA 921 represents the national standard for the methodology for investigation by fire science experts. This article will discuss the general procedure and pitfalls for fire and explosion scene investigation.

www.natlawreview.com

Arson Trials

Agent testifies at Utah electrician's arson trial

An electrician charged with arson in a downtown Salt Lake City fire contacted a federal investigator days after the February to offer information about the fire.

www.ksl.com

Warren business owner indicted on arson charges for 2011 explosion

Authorities determined someone intentionally opened a 2-inch gas line inside the building. At the time, investigators suspected a lit candle had been left in the 5,000-square-foot structure, but that was never formally confirmed.

www.dailytribune.com

Case Law

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. SAMMY JOE PERRYMAN

Circumstantial evidence was sufficient to support a conviction for arson â€ Perryman was facing severe financial problems, but insurance proceeds would have satisfied his debts. He removed personal keepsakes shortly before the arson. He arranged to have a tenant of the building stay elsewhere the night of the fire. And he was the last known person in the club before the fire started. Viewed in the light most favorable to the government, this evidence was sufficient to support the jury's verdict.

<http://scholar.google.com>

News/Interest

Arson Investigation Techniques Catching Up with Science

Fire investigation has come a long way, but some investigators think it still has farther to goâ€and that fire sleuths need to know a little about fire science. Lentini thinks that most fire units do not devote enough resources to the science of fire investigation.

www.citylimits.org

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