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Fire Investigations

Woman gets six years in Nelson County arson schemes

She was convicted of setting two other fires at her home in Lovingston in February 2012 and May 2013. She was also found guilty of two counts of obtaining money by false pretenses and a count of attempting to obtain money by false pretenses.

www.newsadvance.com

Former Baltimore restaurant owner guilty in \$3 million arson, insurance scam

On March 12 or 13, 2009, a fire was deliberately set at the Lutherville home. The fire self-extinguished and minimal damage was sustained. On March 14, 2009, a second fire was deliberately set using paint thinner. The home was completely destroyed.

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Case Law

ROBERT W. HILBORN et al v. METROPOLITAN

Court denies a motion to dismiss a claim of misrepresentation since Metropolitan argues: (1) Robert Hilborn testified that he assisted in the creation of the inventory for the personal items lost; (2) Robert Hilborn testified that he believed that he reviewed the inventory prior to its submission to Metropolitan; and (3) there were a number of items claimed on the loss inventory form that were not found in the remains of the house, as well a lawn mower which was claimed as a loss but that the investigators found undamaged. These allegations, if true, implicate Mr. Hilborn in the alleged fraudulent misrepresentations.

<http://scholar.google.com>

News/Interest

Fire Chief requests in-house arson training

“If it's an electrical fire and we know it's electrical then we don't have to call in an outside investigator. In the event that we can't find a cause or it looks suspicious to us in any way, then we need someone who has the arson and fire investigator (certification).”

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