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**Fire Investigations**

**Phoenix Arson Squad Comes Under Fire**

The Phoenix Fire Department's elite fire investigations unit, once lauded as the most successful arson squad in the country, is being investigated for allegations of misconduct.

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**Arson Trials**

**Arsonist-for-hire sentenced to prison**

The last of three people involved in an arson-for-hire scheme last year was sentenced to prison. All three are required to register on the state's arson registry annually for the rest of their lives.

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**After 23 years, court hears new evidence in Monroe County arson case**

On Thursday, Lee appeared in a courtroom here as renowned fire investigation expert John J. Lentini explained his theory that investigators and prosecutors put a spin on evidence that led a jury to wrongly convict the Korean immigrant of arson and murder.

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**Case Law**

**JOHN BROAD v. NORTH POINTE INSURANCE CO**

The magistrate judge determined, as a matter of law, that Broad made multiple **misrepresentations** to North Pointe during the claim process, which can be grouped together into three categories: (1) misrepresentations regarding the age of the personal property destroyed; (2) misrepresentations regarding the amount of personal property destroyed; and (3) misrepresentations regarding Broad's business's financial condition. Broad generally challenges all of these determinations, and specifically highlights several instances where he believes that he has identified genuine issues of material fact that should be submitted to a jury. The appeals court affirmed.

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