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Events



Be sure to save the date for the 2015 ICAC Fire & Arson Investigation Seminar, being held February 23-25 at the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Hotel in Orlando, FL.

Program and Conference information coming soon!

Arson Trials

Canandaigua woman found guilty in arson trial, gets 4 to 12 years

In his exhaustive closing arguments, Assistant District Attorney Brian Dennis stressed Hayward-Crawford's inconsistency in her statements to police, her credibility, her selectivity in remembering details, her coaching of co-conspirators — urging them to “stick to the story” — and her failure to produce evidence of an affair between her husband, Sam Crawford, and Jessica Bradley, wife of co-conspirator William Bradley, the acquaintance who ignited the fire.

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Related Stories:

Testimony ends in Canandaigua's Saltonstall St. arson trial

Tempers ran hot Monday in the chilly north courtroom of the Ontario County Courthouse as testimony concluded in the arson-for-hire trial

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Convicted arsonist takes the stand in Saltonstall Street arson trial

The jury also heard new allegations of an alleged illicit affair between the defendant's husband, Samuel Crawford, and Jessica Bradley, wife of co-conspirator William Bradley, that defense counsel Aaron Sperano said could have motivated the arson.

www.irondequoitpost.com

Trial begins for third co-defendent in Canandaigua arson cases

According to trial testimony, Hayward-Crawford and Crawford — who are married and are the owners of the residence — allegedly committed the arson on Dec. 22, 2013, in an effort to receive proceeds from their insurance company. The couple allegedly approached William Bradley, Jr., who was an acquaintance, and asked him to help with the arson in the presence of his wife, Jessica Bradley.

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Case Law

MICHIGAN MILLERS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY v. LANCER INSURANCE COMPANY

Interesting case involving fire from a parked automobile (a limousine) causing damage to commercial property and whether recovery by the property owner insurer (Millers) is allowed against the auto insurer (Lancer) as due to the “operation” of an automobile under Michigan no-fault law.

<http://scholar.google.com>

News/Interest

Legislators, Chester County D.A. Say New Arson Law Will Provide Tougher Penalties, Stronger Protections

Act 16 creates a new class of crime known as aggravated arson and sets tougher sentencing guidelines. A person can be convicted of aggravated arson if he intentionally starts a fire - or if he aids or pays someone else to start a fire - with the intent to cause bodily injury or knowing that someone was inside the property at the time.

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Chief: Arson is not the answer to blight

Youngstown fire investigators said anyone thinking arson involving vacant and abandoned building are “victimless” crimes could not be more wrong.

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