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Fire Investigations

Trash hauler cleared of arson

A Waldorf trash collector is ready to move on with his life and business after charges of arson and insurance fraud were dropped against him and his employee Tuesday.

www.somdnews.com

Ky. arson investigator wants to reopen 20-year-old cold case

In 2006 the arson units in the Louisville area were reorganized and Major Henry Ott found himself with boxes of new folders from past cases. A large one contained all the information from that arson case that began on August 24, 1994. So 15 years later, Ott decided it was time to take another look.

www.whas11.com

Metro crime scene investigators hone skills in arson simulation held in Arvada

Finding clues in a crime scene is hard enough, without the crime scene being charred by fire. Crime scene investigators around the metro area received firsthand investigation experience on Wednesday.

www.thedenverchannel.com

Arson Trials

Seven years for arson spree

The judge noted that some of the fires were started in areas of terraced housing and that some of the vehicles set alight had “exploded”. Investigators stated, after the trial, “The sentences handed down to these two men reflect the seriousness and potential outcome that their actions could have caused. This could have ended with fatalities.”

www.todmordennews.co.uk

Case Law

GRAF v. STATE

A criminal arson case outlining interesting aspects of an arson conviction and including such issues as out of court conversations by expert witnesses and the weight of circumstantial evidence against the accused.

scholar.google.com

News/Interest

Investigation After Convicted Arsonists & Former Firefighter Spotted At Mt. Oliver Blaze

What investigators do know though, is that one firefighter was not supposed to be there – the one who was arrested for arson about a decade ago. He was accused of – and later pleaded guilty – to setting fires at vacant home in Mt. Oliver, then rushing to put them out.

pittsburgh.cbslocal.com

PA fire department where arsonist & sex offender fought recent fire promises investigation & changes

A day after KDKA-TV reported the son of the chief of the Mt. Oliver Volunteer Fire Company suited up and fought a fire despite arson and sex offense convictions, an investigation and changes have been promised by department leadership.

www.statter911.com

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