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#### Fire/Arson Investigations

##### **In wake of unrest, ATF puts more boots on the ground in Baltimore**

In addition to the dozens of ATF enforcement, operations and intelligence agents stationed in Baltimore full time, 50 agents from the bureau's National Response Team are now leading investigations into seven of the largest fires during the April riots.

[www.baltimoresun.com](http://www.baltimoresun.com)

##### **Inside the ATF lab: The world's largest fire investigation facility**

"If it will burn, we'll set it on fire," said Lenwood S. Reeves, a certified investigator at the Fire Research Laboratory in Beltsville, Md., where he and nearly 70 colleagues with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives work to understand how fires start and why.

[www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

##### **Beltsville lab plays role in fire investigations across the country**

Once they're done, engineers will burn the building down. Then they'll build it again, and burn it again — all in the name of fire science.

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#### Arson Trials

##### **Fire investigator says Vonore homeowners suspected in arson**

Foster said no one was ever charged in the fire, and the statute of limitations on pursuing criminal charges has since passed. But there were several reasons the Stuttes became suspects, Foster said.

[www.thedailytimes.com](http://www.thedailytimes.com)

##### **Jury hears insurance company's case against couple in arson**

[www.wbir.com](http://www.wbir.com)

##### **Jury finds against couple who claimed hate crime in Vonore arson**

[www.wbir.com](http://www.wbir.com)

##### **Dangerous or unlucky? Arson suspect to stand trial**

The case against Cohen, 44, is based primarily on GPS tracking records that show he was at the same locations at around the same times that several small fires broke out.

[www.sandiegouniontribune.com](http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com)

##### **Details of arson investigaton told in court**

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##### **Judge orders insurance company to pay up after arson destroys marijuana grow-op home**

An insurance company must pay a homeowner for the loss of a house and its contents in an arson following an RCMP raid of a marijuana grow operation, a judge has ruled.

[www.vancouversun.com](http://www.vancouversun.com)

#### News/Interest

##### **Why women look guiltier than men**

Her exoneration was partly due to the discovery of the new evidence, and partly down to advancements in fire science, but the lawyers who worked on her case say her greatest crime was being a woman.

[www.couriermail.com.au](http://www.couriermail.com.au)

##### **Justice Denied: Arson Investigations**

Junk Science? Do arson detection methods need an overhaul (video report).

[www.wcvb.com](http://www.wcvb.com)

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