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#### Fire/Arson Investigations

##### **UPDATED: Police announce charges in arson, shootings that targeted Justice Institute staff (note potential cyber-crime aspect)**

Police also say an ICBC employee had provided the victims' personal information by looking up their license plates.

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

##### **Online community helps Hamilton police nab Dundas arsonist**

Hamilton police released surveillance video on Sept. 18 in hopes of identifying a suspect involved in setting fires...the man was quickly identified by the public.

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

#### Arson Trials

##### **Judge rules Andover woman can stand trial in arson case**

"My impression in talking to her is that she is a sweet-natured person," said Judge Thomas J. Critchley. "In terms of competence, my sense is that she is competent."

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

##### **Lorton Sub Shop Owner, Son Sentenced in Arson, Insurance Fraud**

Lawrence and Lance Reese were convicted at trial on June 19 for their respective roles in the Feb. 6, 2013, arson of the Sub Shop.

[patch.com](http://patch.com)

##### **Suspect Arrested for Sub Shop Explosion**

Horace Thompson was arrested by Washington Metropolitan Police on Feb. 14, after his release from the Washington Burn Center.

[patch.com](http://patch.com)

##### **Lawrence Reese Discharged From Hospital After Sub Shop Explosion in Lorton**

[patch.com](http://patch.com)

##### **Sub Shop Owner Linked to Explosion**

A recently executed search warrant provided new details on the case.

[patch.com](http://patch.com)

##### **Decision expected in November after final submissions heard in arson trial**

The trial has ultimately pitted mother against daughter and the proceedings have put shed light on their bizarre relationship. Shirlee lied to police in a statement to protect her daughter before changing her story on the stand after she found out she would be implicated, court heard.

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

#### News/Interest

##### **New Trial Granted**

Michigan Court of Appeals judges have ordered a new trial for a man who tried to start a fire in his cell at the St. Louis Correctional Facility.

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

##### **Dispatcher fired after Coughlin School arson investigation**

Officials have terminated a Fall River fire dispatcher after an investigation revealed that he or she did not follow protocol during the fire at the Coughlin School.

[wpri.com](http://wpri.com)

##### **Hamilton mobster's SUV fire may not be mob activity: expert**

Veteran mob watchers say the suspected arson that destroyed mobster Pat Musitano's SUV as it sat in his driveway Monday night could be a warning — or merely a coincidence..

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

##### **County Derry man sentenced for arson**

James McLaughlin - who allegedly had a 'heavily strained' relationship with the authorities following what he perceived was animal cruelty to his sheep - received a three-year prison sentence (suspended).

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

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