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#### **Fire/Arson Investigations**

##### **Dentist arrested in Camarillo arson case**

A Ventura County dentist who practices under the trademarked name Dr. Leo was arrested on suspicion of committing arson at competing dental offices in Camarillo, authorities said Saturday.

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

##### **Arson investigator takes over when flames are extinguished**

Chad Stangeland, the Moorhead Fire Department's assistant chief, is an arson investigator and his job is to find out if a fire was an accident or if there was a more sinister motive behind it [full story requires log in].

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

##### **Two people wrongly charged because of a dog's testimony**

Imagine being wrongly charged based on the testimony of a dog? For these homeowners, the evidence didn't add up. Laboratory tests showed no proof of any accelerants. That didn't seem to matter to the dog handler, Captain Fred Andes. He actually thinks Sadie is more accurate than science.

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

#### **Arson Trials**

##### **Prosecutor describes Omaha business owner, accused in arson, as deep in debt**

Assistant U.S. Attorney Russ Mayer laid out the state's evidence against Schropp during opening statements claiming that Schropp owed nearly \$5 million in bank loans; had instructed one of his employees to inflate the value of his inventory so bankers would continue to do business with him; and had unsuccessfully attempted to sell the business.

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

##### **Former business owner convicted of arson, mail and wire fraud charges**

Thomas Schropp, 52, of Omaha, was convicted Tuesday on charges of arson, mail and wire fraud, according to U.S. Attorney Deborah Gilg.

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

##### **Philadelphia Ironworkers' Union Boss Guilty on All Counts in Racketeering Trial**

After five days of deliberations, a federal jury in Philadelphia today found former Philadelphia ironworkers' union head Joseph Dougherty guilty of corruption, arson, and related offenses.

[philadelphia.cbslocal.com](http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com)

#### **Case Law**

##### **STATE V. CARR**

Interesting criminal case arising from an alleged conspiracy/solicitation to commit arson and insurance fraud and for jury tampering, including whether the evidence was sufficient to convict defendant of criminal solicitation and witness tampering.

[scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)

#### **News/Interest**

##### **'Backstrom' fan recap: Some men just want to watch the world burn**

[community.ew.com](http://community.ew.com)

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