

State Police Sturbridge

315 Charlton Road Sturbridge, MA (508) 347-3352

CASE # 2010-0C5-002830

Invest Officer:

Trooper Joseph Gura ID# 1136

Court: Palmer DC

Barracks/Unit:

FIRE MARSHALS

Activity Date/Time 09/02/2010 2044

Incident Class: Investigation Arson

White

Male

601

205

Brown

Blue

Large

Labonte

Last:

FRANK

First:

JORDAN

Middle:

Suffix: DOB:

Age:

SSN:

09/10/1991

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License #:

Lic. State:

Address: City/Town:

19 CROSS ST W BROOKFIELD

State: Zip Code:

01585

Phone #:

Occupation:

Employer:

Emp. Add:

Emp. Phn:

S26086845

5088671969

Unemployed

Birth Place: Southbridge, MA

Race:

Sex:

Height:

Weight:

Build:

Spouse

Father:

Mother:

Dependents: 0

Hair Color:

Eye Color:

Complexion: Light

Marital Stat: Single

Citizenship: USA

Custody Status: Pending Bail

Booking Officer: Trooper Brian Pearl ID# 2912 Desk Officer: Trooper Marco Doldo ID# 2732 Photo Officer: Trooper Brian Pearl ID# 2912

Miranda Given:

Trooper John Puccia ID# 2438

Trooper David Percy ID# 1717

Print Officer:

Lang Rights: N/A N

Visible Injuries: Positive Q5:

Phone Used:

Number Called: 774-230-3005

M/W:

Detox Notified: Medications:

Offered BT: Refused BT:

BT Results:

0.00

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Alias(es):

Bailed To:

OBTN: TSC5201002709

Booked @ MSP Sturbridge

Charge(s):

266-2-A BURN BUILDING

Richard Frank (deceased)

Distinguishing Marks:

Vehicle(s):

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Arrest Narrative:

Brimfield/Holland Report

By Trooper Joseph E Gura #1136

- 1. On Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at approximately 0030 hours, the Brimfield Fire Department received a telephone call from Jennifer Ketchum of 140 Paige Hill Road reporting a structure fire at 153 Paige Hill Road in the Town of Brimfield
- 2. An investigation into the circumstances origin and cause of the fire was conducted by Trooper Percy and Sergeant Bombard, Massachusetts State Police troopers assigned to the Fire & Explosion Investigation Section. It was determined that the fire was incendiary in nature; it was not accidental. The cause of the fire was the application of an open flame to available flammable or combustible materials. The building was a vacant out building.
- 3. On Tuesday June 22, 2010 at approximately 0021 hours, the Brimfield Fire Department received a telephone call from Larry Buckman reporting a structure fire on Washington Road in the Town of Brimfield. The building was a two story, unoccupied, vacant home with no power. An investigation into the cause, conducted by Trooper Percy of the Massachusetts State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Section determined the fire to be incendiary in nature, the cause was the application of an open flame to available flammable or combustible materials.
- 4. On Tuesday July 13, 2010 at approximately 0401 hours, the Holland Fire Department received a call from Gail Simpson of 6 Hillside Drive, Holland reporting a structure fire at 6 Chandler Road in the Town of Holland. Upon fire fighters arrival the vacant dwelling was fully involved with fire. The structure was a total loss. The investigation into the cause was conducted by this officer, Tpr. Mazza, and Sergeant Bombard of the Massachusetts State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Section, the cause of the fire was incendiary in nature. The cause was the application of an open flame to the available flammable or combustible materials. All accidental causes were eliminated. No power was servicing the structure.
- 5. All three fires were in the same geographical area. It is the opinion of Trooper Percy and this officer that based on location, day of the week, time, and fire cause that the three fires were related.
- 6. On Sunday August 8, 2010 an article was published in the Springfield Republican Newspaper reporting the fires and similarities. In part, the article requested the public's assistance. It reported the Arson Hotline telephone number for persons to call with any information.
- 7. As a result of that request for assistance from the public, on Thursday August 12, 2010 at approximately 1940 hours, the Arson Hotline received a telephone call from a person claiming to have information about the fires in the Brimfield and Holland area. On same date at approximately 1946 hours, this officer received a telephone call from State Police Communications relying same.
- 8. On Same date at 1950 hours, this officer made telephone contact with the caller and requested to meet with the caller at SP Sturbridge at 2100 hours.
- 9. On same date at approximately 2050 hours, Trooper Percy and this officer met with DAOUST, Alicia who stated that approximately one week prior, she had a conversation with ARDIZZONI, Geena. ARDIZZONI reported to DAOUST that she had had a conversation with AIKEY, Tyler while he was a patient at Harrington Hospital in Southbridge, Massachusetts. AIKEY

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told her that another mutual friend of theirs, LAVALLEE, Sean was told by ELLIOT, Patrick that he, ELLIOT and FINDLAY, Brian were the two responsible for setting fires to the vacant structures in Brimfield and Holland. DAOUST stated that she knew that ELLIOT and FINDLAY to both be fire fighters in Brimfield and Holland. DAOUST further stated that it was reported to her that the reason that they started the fires was that they, ELLIOT and FINDLAY were bored because they were not getting any fires to respond too. DAOUST reported that she has had both cellular conversations and text message contact with ARDIZZONI from her cellular phone, (774) 200-8814. When asked, DAOUST gave consent to this officer to request her cellular phone information including but not limited to text messages, and phone calls from her cellular provider Verizon.

- 10. On same date at approximately 2150 hours, Trooper Percy and this officer met with ARDIZZONI at SP Sturbridge. ARDIZZONI arrived with her boyfriend DOLDOORIAN, Joseph R., a fire fighter with the Brimfield Fire Department. At that time, ARDIZZONI stated that she visited AIKEY at Harrington Hospital approximately a week earlier. While having conversation with AIKEY he stated that he was told by LAVALLEE that ELLIOT and FINDLAY started the fires for the above-mentioned reasons. ARDIZZONI stated that she use to have a relationship with FINDLAY. She knows FINDLAY to be a fire fighter in both Brimfield & Holland and ELLIOT to be a fire fighter in Brimfield. ARDIZZONI further stated that she was told that the two became worried that they would be caught for starting the fires after the Chandler Road, Holland fire because they used gasoline or oil and it did not start right away. ARDIZZONI reported that she told DAUOST, DOLDOORIAN and MOORES, Donnie a Warren fire fighter about her conversation. ARDIZZONI reported that she had both telephone calls and text messages from her cellular phone, (413) 544-1361, with FINDLAY (860) 977-9747, over the past week about the fires.
- On same date, this officer had conversation with DOLDOORIAN who reported hearing about ELLIOT and FINDLAY'S involvement from ARDIZZONI. He further stated that he had a telephone conversation with ELLIOT prior to going to SP Sturbridge, DOLDOORIAN told ELLIOT that he and ARDIZZONI were going to speak with the police about the fires. While at SP Sturbridge, DOLDOORIAN received both telephone calls and text messages on his cellular phone, (508)-612-0638, from ELLIOT, (508) 887-6294. While at SP Sturbridge, DOLDOORIAN received a text from ELLIOT stating please dude im not gonna freak I just don't wanna text and this is my life dude. DOLDOORIAN stated that he had responded as a fire fighter to both the Paige Hill Road fire and the Chandler Road fire. While at the Holland fire, DOLDOORIAN observed ELLIOT in Holland fire gear, which he though odd because ELLIOT stated that he was at his sister's home in the Town of Monson. DOLDOORIAN reported in order to get to Holland, ELLIOT would have had to drive by the Brimfield fire station before getting to Holland, and he would have had his Brimfield turn out gear. DOLDOORIAN later contacted this officer and stated that he had at least two more telephone conversations with ELLIOT, where ELLIOT asked what was told to the police and where the conversation took place.
- On Friday August 13, 2010 at approximately 1228 hours, a check through Massachusetts RMV revealed that on July 13, 2010 at 0010 hours, the Sturbridge police department queried Massachusetts registration 998-JD8. Same is registered to FINDLEY, Brian S., of 19 Echo Road, Brimfield.
- 13. On or about August 13, 2010, District Attorney William M. Bennett, made a Preservation Request of the Verizon Wireless Legal Division. Pursuant to Chapter 271, Section 17B of the General Laws, he requested that Verizon Wireless preserve all cell phone communications, including without limitation the subscriber name and address, call detail records identifying all incoming and outgoing calls, all content for text messages, including any and all pictures, any and all two-way messaging and/or instant messaging along with cell tower information for the period June 15, 2010 through August 12, 2010 pending issuance of a court order relative to Verizon Wireless cellular telephone numbers: (413) 544-1361; (508) 887-6294; (508) 612-0638 and (774) 200-8814. I have been advised that Verizon Wireless has preserved these materials and will produce them upon receipt of a search warrant. On August 13, 2010, a criminal search warrant issued out of Palmer District Court was issued to Verizon Wireless for wireless cellular phone numbers (413) 544-1361, (508) 887-6294, (508) 612-0638, and (774) 200-8814
- 14. On Friday August 13, 2010 at approximately 2210 hours, Tpr. Percy and this officer had conversation with LAVALLEE, Sean, of 275 Cedar Street Sturbridge, at SP Sturbridge. At that time, LAVALLEE stated that he has known ELLIOT, Patrick for

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approximately the last five years and he is considered a good friend. LAVALLEE stated that ELLIOT told him approximately 5-7 weeks prior that he, ELLIOT and FINDLAY, Brian were the ones responsible for setting the fires in the Towns of Brimfield and Holland. LAVALLEE went on to say that another fire fighter, identified as FRANK, Jordan of W. Brookfield was with them. FINDLAY was reportedly the instigator and ELLIOT started the fires. The reason for setting the fires were told to be because they needed money and they got paid for responding to fires as call fire fighters and they were bored. LAVALLEE further stated that they chose abandoned buildings. LAVALLEE understood that the three had used FRANKS vehicle, a 2000 black Chevrolet Monte Carlo, at least on one occasion. LAVALLEE stated that ELLIOT was concerned about getting caught for setting the fires because the investigators brought in K-9's to the last fire and he was afraid that they found evidence. ELLIOT had told LAVALLEE that he brought an oil and gasoline mixture that he made up at the Brimfield fire department, with him to one of the fires. REFER TO ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED INTERVIEW

- 15. On Tuesday August 24, 2010 at approximately 2110 hours, Tpr. Percy and this officer had conversation with AIKEY, Tyler of 1494 Dunhamtown Road Brimfield at his home. AIKEY stated that approximately two days before he went into the hospital he was with LAVALLEE just talking. During that conversation LAVALLEE told AIKEY that ELLIOT told him that he and FINDLAY were the one's involved with the fires. AIKEY stated that they were with another fire fighter from Holland FD, DENTAMORROW, Jeff. AIKEY went on to say that LAVALLEE told him that they brought with them some oil or something. AIKEY concluded by saying that they reportedly did it so they would have something to do.
- 16. On Monday August 30, 2010 at approximately 1700 hours, Tpr. Percy and this officer had a brief conversation with LAVALLEE at his home in his driveway. LAVALLEE stated that the conversation between himself and ELLIOT occurred in the Wendy's Restaurant in Sturbridge. LAVALLEE further stated that he had told ELLIOT about his other conversation with these officers on August 13, 2010. LAVALLEE stated that FRANK, Jordan was with ELLIOT and FINDLAY during the Holland fire.
- On Wednesday September 1, 2010 at approximately 2010 hours, Tpr. Percy and this officer met FRANK, Jordan at the Brimfield fire department. We asked FRANK if he would accompany us back to the Sturbridge Barracks for an interview. FRANK agreed. FRANK was interviewed in the conference room at SP Sturbridge after being advised of his Miranda rights. FRANK agreed to speak with us and the interview was taped. The following is a summation of the taped interview.
- 18. The last fire in Holland, FRANK was with Brian FINDLAY, Pat ELLIOT and Dylan LAJEUNESSE. Frank said that they were driving in Brian FINDLAY's Honda Accord. He reported that they got to the fire station around 6:00 PM and hung out there for a while. FRANK said they started driving around the Holland Brimfield area. While they were driving, Brian Findlay said we're bored, we need a call. When they were driving on Mashapaug Rd., in Holland, Brian FINDLAY pointed up to a house and said it was abandoned. He said that could be another one. Brian FINDLAY was referring to a fire. Brian FINDLAY said that the house had a fire about ten years ago and that no one lived there. Brian FINDLAY drove by the house and turned around. FINDLAY then looped up around the road. FRANK said they first drove by the house around dusk and they went back to the Brimfield Fire Department and met Donny MOORES. They then left the fire department and went to Donny's (MOORES) ex-girlfriend's house Jerrica Savoie's house in Sturbridge. Brian FINDLAY was driving and FRANK was in his car along with Dylan LAJEUNESSE and Pat ELLIOT. Donny MOORES was in his own truck. FRANK said they were there for about an hour hour and a half and left because the neighbor was calling in license plates to the Sturbridge Police. FRANK said Donny MOORES truck got stuck and they went back to help Donny out of the ditch. Officer Lombardi was there and he asked us questions.
- 19. FRANK said they left Sturbridge and went back to the fire station in Brimfield around 1:00 AM. Donny MOORES left with Dylan LAJEUNESSE. He stayed at the station with Pat ELLIOT and Brian FINDLAY. At one point, FRANK said that Pat ELLIOT went from the day room into the forestry bay. Pat ELLIOT made a mixture of oil and either gas, diesel or kerosene. Pat ELLIOT put the mixture into a large antifreeze container. FRANK believed the container was blue. Pat ELLIOT said that they had a plan to go to that house in Holland. FRANK said he was referring to the abandoned house in Holland. ELLIOT said that they were taking his black, 2000 Monte Carlo SS. Brian FINDLAY and Pat ELLIOT got into his car. FRANK said ELLIOT had

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the container with the mixture between his legs in the front passenger seat. FRANK took a right out of the station onto Wales Rd., then a left onto lower Haynes Rd and then a right onto Holland Road. FRANK then drove down to the road that loops around the abandoned house. While driving to the house, Brian FINDLAY told FRANK to turn off his lights. FRANK stopped past the abandoned house. ELLIOT got out of the car with the container that was between his legs. Pat ELLIOT ran over to the house and went over to the garage door and poured the liquid all over the door. ELLIOT had a lighter with him and FRANK said he lit the liquid. It flashed and then went down. ELLIOT ran to FRANK'S car and they drove down the road where it came out by PJ's. FRANK said they took a left and went back to the Brimfield Station. FRANK said they dropped Brian FINDLAY off at the station where his car was. FRANK drove back to ELLIOT's house. FRANK said that ELLIOT was concerned that the tones had not gone off and told FRANK to go back to the fire. FRANK said ELLIOT was freaking out because his prints were everywhere. FRANK drove ELLIOT back to the house and the fire was smoldering. FRANK said they left and went back to ELLIOT's house at 94 Five Bridge Road. FRANK said they went down to ELLIOT'S basement and put the TV on. About an hour or so went by and FRANK said he was going home. As soon as FRANK got to his car, the tones went off for a possible structure fire in Holland. FRANK said he drove to the fire station and ELLIOT took his Dad's jeep.

- 20. FRANK eventually admitted to being involved with the fire on Washington Road in Brimfield. FRANK was driving his vehicle. ELLIOT, FINDLAY, MOORES and LAJEUNESSE were present. FRANK said that ELLIOT took a flammable mixture from the fire department and poured it through a window. FRANK said ELLIOT fell in a swamp and got back into his vehicle. They left the fire on Washington Road and collected their respective vehicles to wait for the tones. REFER TO ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED INTERVIEW
- On same date, at approximately hours 2154 hours, MOORES, Donald of 3 Forest Drive Brimfield was interviewed at SP Sturbridge by Sgt. Zipper and Tpr. Gura. MOORES was advised of his Miranda warnings and agreed to a taped interview. MOORES stated that he responded to the fire station on the morning of the first fire on Paige Hill Road. He then went to the fire scene and during overhaul operations he spoke with FRANK, Jordan. MOORES asked FRANK how he got there so fast from West Brookfield and FRANK stated he was in the area with ELLIOT, Patrick and FINDLAY, Brian and they were driving in FINDLAY's car. MOORES stated he asked FRANK, ELLIOT and FINDLAY if they started the fire and they initially denied it. MOORES stated he has known these guys a long time and he knew they were lying about the fire so he asked a second time and they all laughed and ELLIOT stated they did start it. MOORES then stated that the night of the second fire on Washington Street, he was at DOLDORIAN, Joseph house and as he left to go home he received a phone call from ELLIOT. ELLIOT told MOORES that he should stay in town and not go home yet. MOORES asked ELLIOT Why are you going to start another fire? ELLIOT did not answer the question but stated Just stay in Town. It was approximately 1130 or 12 midnight. MOORES stated he hung around town and stopped by the Cumberland Farms and saw ELLIOT, FRANK and FINDALY there. MOORES asked ELLIOT Why do I need to stay in town? ELLIOT responded by saying You know why. MOORES then stated they drove three cars to the Brimfield FD. MOORES stated that when they arrived at the FD, ELLIOT and FINDLAY went into the bay where the ambulance and forestry truck is parked and when they returned 10 minutes later ELLIOT was carrying a yellow 1 quart plastic PENZOIL container with some type of liquid within. MOORES stated they drove the three vehicles to Dearth Hill Road and he stayed there with ELLIOT'S car. FINDLAY, FRANK and ELLIOT left in FRANK'S car and were gone for approximately 15-20 minutes. ELLIOT then called MOORES and stated It was lit and we are on our way back. They then waited on Dearth Hill till the tones came in. They all respond to the fire. MOORES then stated that the night of the third fire on Chandler Street in Holland, he was asleep at home and received a text to meet with ELLIOT, FINDLAY, FRANK and LAJEUNESSE, Dylan. MOORES meet them at the Brimfield FD and ELLIOT and FINDLAY stated they were going to go do another fire in Holland. ELLIOT went in the ambulance bay and returned with a juice bottle filled with a liquid. ELLIOT and FRANK left to go do the fire. MOORES, LAJEUNESSE and FINDLAY left and went to MOORES'S house to wait. Around 1:30 am FINDLAY received a text stating it did not light. ELLIOT and FRANK return to the FD to get more gasoline and return to Chandler Street. ELLIOT then texted FINDLAY stating the garage door is lit. The tones went off around 4:00am and they all responded to the fire. REFER TO ELLECTRONICALLY RECORDED STATEMENT
- 22. On Thursday September 2, 2010 at approximately 1210 hours, Sgt. Zipper and Tpr. Percy located ELLIOT, Patrick at 3

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Forest Drive Brimfield. They asked ELLIOT if he would return to SP Sturbridge for an interview, ELLIOT agreed. On same date, at approximately 1243 hours after being advised of his rights per Miranda and after agreeing to be recorded ELLIOT stated that he along with FINDLAY, started the first fire on Paige Hill Road in the Town of Brimfield. ELLIOT stated that he and FINDLAY drove to Paige Hill Road from the Brimfield fire department. They drove in FINDLAY'S Honda Accord. They brought with them a plastic container filled with an oil and gasoline mixture that FINDLAY made up. Once at the building ELLIOT stated that he got out of the car and went over with the bottle of ignitable liquid and a disposable lighter. ELLIOT poured the liquid onto the broken windowsill and on top of a chest inside the window. ELLIOT started the fire with the lighter that he had with him. They left the scene and drove home. While driving away ELLIOT stated that he threw the container out the window.

- On the night of the second fire, 153 Washington Road Brimfield, ELLIOT stated that he was at the fire station along with FINDLAY, FRANK, Jordan, and LAJEUNESSE, Dylan. Donald. ELLIOT stated that FINDLAY wanted to start another fire. FINDLAY stated that he always wanted to see that house on Washington Road go up. The four drove from the fire house to the location of the Washington Road fire in FINDLAYS car. They returned to the fire house where FINDLAY put together another container of oil and gasoline. As they drove by the Cumberland Farms store on Rte-20 in the Town of Brimfield the four encountered another fire fighter, MOORES, Donald. He returned to the fire house with the others. A short time later they returned to the fire scene property in FRANK'S 2000 Chevrolet Monte Carlo. MOORES remained on Dearth Hill Road in his car to watch FINDLAYS car. FINDLAY wanted his car so after lighting the fire they could all drive away in different directions. Once at the structure, ELLIOT exited the vehicle while FRANK, FINDLAY and LAJEUNESSE remained in the car. ELLIOT took with him the container of ignitable liquid. On his way up to the building, ELLIOT reported falling into a brook up to his waste. Once at the structure, ELLIOT poured the liquid on a window sill on the C side of the building. After the fire started, ELLIOT returned to the vehicle taking a different track to avoid the water. Once in the vehicle, ELLIOT reported his companions laughed at him. As they drove away ELLIOT threw the container out the window. Eventually they all responded to the reported fire.
- On the night of the third fire, 6 Chandler Road in the Town of Holland, ELLIOT stated that he and FRANK were in the Blackstone area. On the way back to the Brimfield area, ELLIOT stated that he had both cellular phone conversations as well as text messages with FINDLAY about setting a fire that night. After meeting at the Brimfield FD, ELLIOT and FINDLAY put together another container of ignitable liquids. FINDLAY, ELLIOT and FRANK drove by the structure in FINDLAY'S vehicle. They then returned to the Brimfield fire department. They then returned with the container of ignitable liquid, this time driving in FRANKS vehicle. ELLIOT reported that he returned to the scene on at least two occasions each time pouring an ignitable liquid and setting fire to the poured liquid. Eventually FRANK and ELLIOT returned to the scene and drove by, noticing a light smoke in the area, where ELLIOT reported there was a really cool glow going on. After seeing the ceiling joists in the garage glowing they left towards Brimfield. Eventually the fire tones sounded and they all responded to the fire. REFER TO ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED STATEMENT
- On Thursday September 2, 2010 at approximately 1755 hours, Tpr Mazza located LAJEUNESSE, Dylan DOB 1-5-92 of 21 Union Road Holland. Tpr Mazza located him in the area of the Charlton PD. He was asked if he would return to SP Sturbridge for an interview, LAJEUNESSE agreed. On same date, at approximately 1824 hours after being advised of his rights per Miranda and after agreeing to be recorded LAJEUNESSE made the following statement. He is an on call fire fighter in Holland. He was hanging out at Brimfield Fire Station with Patrick ELLIOT, Brian Finley and Jordan Frank. Brian Findley says-We did the first fire He was with Pat and Jordan. I assumed it was those three. Pat lit is with a mixture of flammable liquids. They got some oil and diesel from Brimfield Fire. I have no idea what the container was for the first fire. Brian drove. He told me he drove. A mutual thing between Brian Findley and Pat was to light another fire. Pat was hesitant. We start thinking of abandoned houses. Brian comes up with a house at the end of Washington Road. We waited till about 12:30 (after midnight) Tuesday. We met up with Donnie Moores at Darth Hill in the State Forest at the Parking Area. Brian/Pat had a silver oil jug. They went inside the Brimfield Fire Station in one of the bays. They came out with a jug of mixture. It was a 50/50 oil diesel mix. It was a plastic 5 qt jug. They, LAJEUNESSE, Pat, Brian, Jordan. were in Jordan's' car.
- 26. LAJEUNESSE drove with Brian in his red Honda Accord while Pat and Jordan drove in Jordan's Black Monte Carlo, At

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Darth Hill FINDLAY left his car. MOORES stayed back to watch the vehicles. MOORES stayed at Darth Hill Road with his truck watching Brian's vehicle. The rest of them were FRANKS car with ELLIOT in the passenger seat, LAJEUNESSE and FINDLAY in back. They went to Washington Road. They parked after turning around in the bridge area. They pulled in by some bushes., the lights were off, and the engine was running. ELLIOT got out with jug and he walks toward house. ELLIOT was using his cell phone as a light. ELLIOT was gone for a minute. LAJEUNESSE reported seeing a big flash from where the fire was lit. 20 or 30 seconds later ELLIOT jumped back into car. They left Washington Road and go back to Darth Hill

- 27. THIRD FIRE- They came up with an idea to throw investigators off, to change towns. FINDLAY and ELLIOT came up with that idea. They start thinking about houses in Holland. I brought up a house at Evelyn Drive in Holland. I used to live at. It had a fire after we moved out and has been vacant ever since.
- 28. LAJEUNESSE reported they were at the Brimfield Station. ELLIOT and FRANK were ready to go to Holland. They had a drink bottle of Gatorade or Powerade. ELLIOT and FINDLAY both went into station. ELLIOT and FRANK left in Jordan's' car. MOORES didn't want to go. He didn't want to get caught. FINDLAY did not want to go, he went to the first two fires. ELLIOT and FRANK left to go to Holland. ELLIOT poured the liquid on the garage doors. ELLIOT told LAJEUNESSE this. It did not burn. It was too rich in oil. ELLIOT called FINDLAY on his cell and said the mixture is too rich. FINDLAY got another Gatorade bottle ½ full of diesel. He got them from MOORES truck. MOORES was using it for a spit cup. FINDLAY then half filled a bottle with diesel. FRANK and ELLIOT finally arrived from Holland. FINDLAY gave ELLIOT the ½ full bottle of diesel. ELLIOT and FRANK left again and went back to Holland. LAJEUNESSE, FINDLAY and MOORES went to MOORES' house on Forest Rd. They tried to go to sleep. FINDLAY got a call from ELLIOT again- Saying it did not light again. ELLIOT told LAJEUNESSE that he and FRANK went to Brimfield Station to get more diesel. Then they went back to Holland.
- 29. ELLIOT texted LAJEUNESSE-The fire was burning slow. LAJEUNESSE asked why? He did not know. LAJEUNESSE knew several minutes later FRANK and ELLIOT drove by the house they set on fire. ELLIOT called LAJEUNESSE to tell him. ELLIOT told LAJEUNESSE the whole garage was red. He, ELLIOT did not know if it was going to keep burning. After that call LAJEUNESSE went to sleep. He slept for an hour. The tones went off for a structure fire in Holland. LAJEUNESSE and MOORES responded to Holland.
- 30. LAJEUNESSE believed ELLIOT left the gray container from the second fire. He never came back with it.
- 31. LAJEUNESSE reported the diesel fuel mix was done to light the fire. Diesel lights easier. Oil burns longer.
- 32. LAJEUNESSE further stated that the reason for the fires was to look cool and go to fires. They didn't want to go to medicals- as it is not what they look forward to. LAJEUNESSE stated that he joined the department to fight fires. REFER TO ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED STATEMENT
- 33. On Same date, at approximately 1815 hours, FINDLAY, Brian arrived at SP Sturbridge in his red Honda Accord. Once at the barracks he was asked by this officer to wait in the lobby for a short period of time. At approximately 1830 hours, after being advised of his rights per Miranda and after agreeing to be electronically recorded, FINDLAY stated that he was involved with all three fires. FINDLAY reported to Tpr. Percy and this officer that he had already talked with his friends who had already given statements and was going to tell us what happened. FINDLAY stated that at the first fire, Paige Hill Road, Brimfield, he along with ELLIOT and FRANK were at the Brimfield fire department. FINDLAY reported that ELLIOT was upset with his girlfriend and wanted to light something on fire. The three went into the ambulance bay at the fire station and got a bottle of oil and diesel fuel mixture and put it in an oil container. The three then drove in ELLIOTS Honda looking for a place to set on fire. They found an abandoned house with no windows and a roof caving in. FINDLAY pulled his car in front of the structure and shut his headlights off. ELLIOT got out of the car with the oil and diesel mixture. After the fire started ELLIOT returned to the vehicle and they drove away. FINDLAY then went to his sisters house where he received a ambulance call. Eventually FINDLAY got to the fire scene. After the fire was suppressed, FINDLAY reported that he had had a conversation with ELLIOT, FRANK,

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MOORES about starting the fire.

- The second fire, Washington Road Brimfield, occurred a week later. FINDLAY stated that the second fire was both his and ELLIOT'S idea. FINDLAY knew the house existed and had been vacant for years. Again they put together the same ignitable liquid mixture from the Brimfield fire department. FINDLAY stated that he drove his car along with LAJEUNESSE, Dylan to Dearth Hill Road where they got into FRANKS Chevrolet Monte Carlo. MOORES stayed at Dearth Hill Road in his vehicle to watch FINDLAY'S vehicle. FINDLAY, ELLIOT, FRANK and LAJEUNESS went up to the structure. Once there ELLIOT, exited the vehicle with the container of ignitable liquid and walked toward the vacant house. ELLIOT started the fire and returned to FRANK'S vehicle. When ELLIOT returned to the vehicle he was wet from falling into a brook. From there they all left the area. After the tones sounded they all reported to the fire station to go to the fire.
- The third fire, was a couple of weeks later, on Tuesday morning of July 13th, 2010. The fire was on Chandler Road in the Town of Holland. ELLIOT had asked FINDLAY if he knew of any vacant buildings in Holland. FINDLAY knew of the house on Chandler Road. FINDLAY knew that the house had a past fire and remained vacant. Earlier in the evening, FINDLAY, ELLIOT and FRANK checked out the house in FINDLAYS car. Later in the evening they returned to the Brimfield fire department. FINDLAY reported that ELLIOT wanted to light the house on fire. FINDLAY reported he didn't want to go this time. ELLIOT went into the fire house and got another ignitable liquid mixture. It was put into an oil container. ELLIOT and FRANK left in FRANK'S car. FINDLAY left the fire station with LAJEUNESSE in FINDLAY'S car. MOORES left the fire station in his truck. FINDLAY followed MOORES to MOORES house. FINDLAY reported that he received a text message from ELLIOT reporting that he couldn't get the fire started and he was going to return to the fire station and get another bottle of ignitable liquid and return to the Chandler Road house. ELLIOT again notified FINDLAY that the fire wouldn't start. At that FINDLAY reported that he went to bed. At approximately 4:00 am the tones went off and he responded to the Holland fire department to fight the fire. REFER TO ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED INTEVIEW.
- 36. On same date, at approximately 2020 hours, ELLIOT, FRANK returned to SP Sturbridge.
- 37. On same date at approximately 2035 MOORES returned to SP Sturbridge.
- 38. On same date at approximately 2044 hours, ELLIOT, FRANK, MOORES, LAJEUNESSE and FINDLAY were booked at SP Sturbridge. All five were being held on \$250 bail. Same are scheduled to be arraigned at Palmer District Court in the morning.
- 39. At this time, all that remains is court action. This officer respectfully requests that this case be closed.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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