

A Case Study of Two Arson Exonerations

Presented by the Office of the Public Defender for the Ninth Circuit

Friday, Aug. 28th, 2:30-5 PM EST

150 minute virtual webinar via Zoom

Registration will include reference materials for course

Cost: free

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Attendees will learn about ignitables analysis and fire investigations through two case studies: *State of Michigan v. Gavitt* and *State of Wisconsin v. Awe*. Both Gavitt and Awe were eventually exonerated following the exposure of the flawed fire investigations in their respective cases.

Speakers:

[John Lentini](#)-John is a certified fire investigator in both fire scene investigations and fire debris analysis

[Candice Bridge](#)-Candice is a professor of Forensic Science at UCF, specializing in ignitable liquids analysis

Agenda

2:30-3 PM-John Lentini will provide an overview of both the *Gavitt* and *Awe* cases

3-3:45 PM-Candice Bridge will provide an overview of ignitable liquids analysis, explaining specifically how to issue spot such a case, and what went wrong in *Gavitt*.

3:45-5 PM-John Lentini will cover the fire investigation in both *Awe* and *Gavitt*. He will explain the limitations of fire investigations, what went wrong in the cases studied, and how it led to the exonerations of both men.

To register for this training, please email Angie Schmitt at aschmitt@circuit9.org. Registration is limited to 300 attendees.