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### **Three Plead Guilty For Firebombing of Activist's Home**

Three individuals, accused of firebombing an Oak Park residence in 2006, have been sentenced to three years in prison. Suspects Richard Collins, Tausha Newsome, and Rashikendra Prasad each pleaded no contest in lieu of trial.


The three were arrested and charged for the January 15, 2006, arson of an Oak Park activist's home. It is believed the attack was in retaliation for the owner's participation in trying to curb criminal activity occurring in the neighborhood. Several explosive devices were thrown at the home. The victim was able to escape unharmed and the damage to the home was not substantial.

The identification, apprehension and subsequent conviction of the suspects was the result of a concerted effort between the Sacramento Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (A.T.F.) and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office.

Special Agent in Charge of the A.T.F.'s San Francisco Division, Stephen Martin, said, "Firebombing is a violent crime. The firebombing of a home is a crime that demands justice. With the assistance of a witness, the technology of DNA, and the tenacious efforts of investigators, justice was served."

Albert Najera, Sacramento's Chief of Police, stated, "This case highlights the effectiveness and importance of cooperation between federal and local law enforcement. It's imperative we protect those citizens working hardest to facilitate change in our communities."

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