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**OWINGS MILLS MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN CONNECTION  
WITH ARSON FIRE AT HIS RESIDENCE**

**Baltimore**, Maryland -United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announced that earlier today, Keith T. McMahon, age 41, of Owings Mills, Maryland pleaded guilty to arson in connection with the January 29, 2008 burning of his home located on Caves Road in Owings Mills. A firefighter was injured during the suppression of the blaze.

Pursuant to his guilty plea, McMahon admitted that in mid-January 2008, he offered someone \$10,000 to burn down McMahon's home on Caves Road. On January 29, 2008, McMahon met the same person at his house and asked him to burn the house to the ground. The other person then set fire to McMahon's house. According to a Criminal Complaint filed against McMahon on June 10<sup>th</sup> McMahon was having financial difficulties and was behind on the mortgage payments for his home, where he also had his office. The Baltimore County Fire Department responded to the fire and a firefighter was injured when he fell through the floor of the house while trying to put out the fire. McMahon then filed an insurance claim for the damage to his house and property, and received money and benefits from the insurance company.

Pursuant to today's plea agreement, McMahon will face a sentence of seven years incarceration. Sentencing has been set for October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore County Police and Fire Departments for their investigative work. Mr. Rosenstein also commended Assistant United States Attorney Harry M. Gruber, who is prosecuting the case.