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NEWS RELEASE

Jason Gusoff and Joseph Braubitz were charged today in a five count indictment¹ with conspiring to commit arson and committing arson, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Gusoff is also charged with two counts of mail fraud and using fire to commit a federal felony. The indictment charges that on July 30, 2008, the defendants set fire to California Tanning Salon, a business owned by Gusoff, located at 6543 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA. Subsequent to the fire, Gusoff allegedly filed a fraudulent insurance claim that resulted in checks totaling over \$100,000 being sent to him through the United States mail.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Jason Gusoff	Richboro, PA	34
Joseph Braubitz	Churchville, PA	35

If convicted, Gusoff faces a maximum possible sentence of 65 years in prison, with a mandatory minimum of 10 years, up to 5 years of supervised release, a \$1 million fine; Braubitz faces a maximum possible sentence of 25 years in prison, with a mandatory minimum of 5 years in prison, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Philadelphia Fire Marshal's Office, and the Bensalem Fire Marshal's Office. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Maureen McCartney.

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