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**COCKEYSVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO OVER TWO YEARS IN CONNECTION  
WITH ARSON FIRE AT CAVES ROAD RESIDENCE**

*Baltimore*, Maryland -U.S. District Judge Richard D. Bennett sentenced Scott Ensor, age 32, of Cockeysville, Maryland, today to 30 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for conspiracy to commit arson in connection with the January 29, 2008 burning of a home belonging to Keith T. McMahon, located on Caves Road in Owings Mills, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. A firefighter was injured during the suppression of the blaze.

According to the information presented at the plea hearing, Ensor admitted that in mid-January 2008, McMahon offered him \$10,000 to burn down McMahon's home on Caves Road. On January 29, 2008, Ensor met McMahon at his house and McMahon asked him to burn the house to the ground. Ensor 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.

McMahon, age 41, previously pleaded guilty to arson and is scheduled to be sentenced on October 10, 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 prosecuted the case.