

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
INVESTIGATIVE CHECKLIST

SECOND DEGREE ARSON

RCW 9A.48.020

ELEMENTS

The suspect

1. Knowingly and maliciously causes a fire or explosion which damages any property.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- [] Reports from responding firefighters.
- [] Report from arson investigator describing the cause and origin of the fire, and damage.
- [] Statement from the owner of the property describing the property, the owner's relationship to the suspect if any, and any knowledge the owner may have of the incident.
- [] Owner or expert's estimates of fair market value of the property before and after the fire, or estimate of cost of repair.
- [] 8. Determine and detail what evidence exists to disprove/prove that the fire was accidental.
- [] 9. Determine and detail what evidence exists to prove/disprove the suspect's motive.
- [] 10. Determine and detail what evidence exists to disprove/prove the suspect's alibi -- and specifically interview possible alibi witnesses.
- [] 11. Consider the need for forensic laboratory examination and testing, including DNA testing, fingerprint comparison, tool mark comparison, accelerant identification, etc.