



Early last year saw the arrest of Harry Burkhart, the sole arsonist charged with setting more than 52 fires in the Los Angeles area. No automobile was safe as cars were set ablaze in an arson spree that lasted more than two days. Some homes also succumbed to the flames, including one dwelling that once was the home of Doors Singer Jim Morrison.

In total, when all the flames were put out, damage was estimated to exceed \$3 million dollars. Burkhart was apprehended after his van was identified near the intersection of Sunset and Fairfax.

Following his arrest, there has been a significant decrease in arson related fires. No one is safe from arsonists- they can strike in any place because of the abundance of flammable material, and the ease with which one is able to start a dangerous blaze. All it takes is one match, and a can of gas, to see the dreams of a community burned to ash. Ensure that your home is protected by installing new smoke alarms, and fire extinguishers, and have your family practice a disaster plan in the event of an emergency.

