



THAMES VALLEY POLICE

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An animal rights activist has admitted committing fire bombing offences at the homes of individuals connected with Huntingdon Life Sciences on behalf of the ALF.

Donald Andrew Currie, aged 40, of no fixed abode, appeared at Reading Crown Court today (17/8) and pleaded guilty to aggravated arson in relation to an incident in Beaconsfield, Bucks, in September 2005, where an incendiary device caused a fire on the doorstep of a private home. The house was occupied by the intended target's wife and daughter at the time.

He also admitted two charges of possession of explosive substance with intent to endanger life/cause serious injury to property in relation to an incident in Caversham, Reading, in March this year. He denied aggravated attempted arson, but admitted attempted arson, at the same address on the same date.

He denied a charge of aggravated arson, in relation to an incident at a warehouse in Williton, Somerset, on 16 April 2005. The judge ordered that this offence would lie on file.

Acting Deputy Chief Constable, Alex Marshall, said: "The offences in question today were of a very serious nature and demonstrate the lengths a minority of animal rights activists are prepared to go to for their cause.

"The bravery of the victims, who refused to be intimidated by extremists who targeted their homes and families, coupled with the determination and hard work put in by the detectives on this case, has produced an excellent result today. We await sentencing, on 28 September, with interest."

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Note to Editors

Photos of Currie, the devices from Caversham and the damage caused at Beaconsfield, will be available on sentence. Please let me have an email address if you would like me to send them on to you.

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