



NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON TASK FORCE



CONVICTIONS FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST HOUSES OF WORSHIP SINCE JANUARY, 1995 (As of January 10, 1997)

ALABAMA

1. **Faith Whole Truth Holiness (Pennington) (Southern District)** - On October 31, 1995, this African-American church was burned. Donald Hurst, 20, and a juvenile male pled guilty to state charges. Hurst was given a three-year suspended sentence and the juvenile was sentenced to a juvenile boot camp. Hurst has since violated his probation and is incarcerated.

2. **New Liberty Baptist Church (Tyler) (Southern District)** - On February 28, 1996, this African-American church was burned. A juvenile male, who was also a volunteer firefighter, pled guilty and was sentenced under the state Youthful Offender Act and received probation at the request of the victims.

DELAWARE

3. **Saint Andrews Presbyterian (Newark)** - On March 25, 1996, this Caucasian church was burned. Four juveniles were convicted of state charges, and received probation and restitution.

INDIANA

4. **Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church (Fort Wayne)** - On August 3, 1996, this Caucasian church was burned. Christopher Leaman, 21, was convicted on state charges in relation to the arson at this church.

IOWA

5. **Saint Boniface (Westphalia)** - On July 7, 1996, this Caucasian church was burned. Two juveniles pled guilty to state charges. They were each sentenced to a year of probation.

KENTUCKY

6. **Church of Christ (Nicholasville) (Eastern District)** - On June 28, 1996, this Caucasian church was burned. Three juveniles were convicted in state court.