

## 4 people charged in connection with arsons

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Four people were arrested in connection with two fires in Amity Township that police said were set by a former Monarch Fire Company firefighter, investigators said Saturday.

The arrests are related to a continuing arson investigation. Michael J. Morrotto, 26, of the 200 block of East Baumstown Road, Exeter Township, is the ex-firefighter accused of setting the fires.

Zachary Epting, 19, of the 400 block of Beacon Street, Birdsboro, and Jarod Reid, 21, Collegeville, were with Morrotto when he set fire to a barn in Amity, township Detective Jeffrey E. Smith said.

Epting was charged with conspiracy and released on \$50,000 bail after arraignment Friday before District Judge Victor M. Frederick IV.

Reid was cited for making a false report.

Police also cited Kyle DiMaio, 19, of the 200 block of Rose Lane, Exeter Township, and Kara McQuaite of the 1300 block of Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, saying they gave police false reports during the investigation.

Police said Morrotto admitted to setting a barn on fire at 178 Amity Park Road on Jan. 7, 2010, and another at Main Street and Monocacy Creek Road on Aug. 20, 2009.

Morrotto remained in Berks County Prison in lieu of \$200,000 bail.