



Time to make a decision

This case now needs to be reviewed by a lawyer and in this case it's you. The police have brought this file to you and it will be your decision as to whether it goes any further.

You must decide by looking carefully at the evidence whether there is:

1. A realistic prospect of conviction and if there is
2. Whether a prosecution is in the public interest.

We are going to concentrate on the two charges that can possibly be pursued. They are:

- ❖ **Arson: Setting something alight, damage by fire of something belonging to another when there was no right to do so. An intention to cause damage must also be present too.**
- ❖ **Theft: Taking something belonging to someone else dishonestly with the intention to keep it.**

Charge?

Reason?

Don't proceed?

Why not?