

**Press Release**

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Daniel McGowan today entered pleas of guilty in connection with two arsons in 2001 - one at Superior Lumber in Glendale and one at Jefferson Poplar in Clatskanie.

Mr. McGowan accepts full responsibility for what he did. As Mr. McGowan told Judge Aiken, after taking part in these two arsons, he realized that they did not fit with his vision or beliefs about how to create a better world. He abandoned that course.

In entering a plea agreement with the government, Mr. McGowan did not abandon his deeply held beliefs. One of his conditions was that he would not try to get a reduced sentence by implicating or identifying other people the government may seek to prosecute, either now or later. In a meeting this week with the government, Mr. McGowan gave a truthful and honest account of what he did. He did not identify or implicate any other individual. He and the other three defendants who pled guilty today helped the government close this case by coming forward together, to take responsibility. The government agrees that by doing this, Mr. McGowan and the other defendants are all eligible for a reduced sentence.

All of this is set forth in Mr. McGowan's plea agreement. The entire agreement is in the record and available to the public.

Since 2001, Mr. McGowan has focused on positive, constructive, and practical activism. He works to prevent domestic violence and to assist victims. He organizes markets in which every good and service is free to all. He works as an advocate for prisoners and encourages others to support them with letters, books and money for food and phone calls. He studies acupuncture and plans to earn a Master's degrees so he can provide alternative medicine services to needy patients.

Mr. McGowan would like to apologize to the people he harmed or could have harmed the people whose family photos were destroyed in the fires, the firefighters who responded to the scene, to workers whose lives were disrupted. Harming people is never what Daniel intended, and he is deeply sorry.