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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Erika Lee Clardy, age 26, of Turlock, Lanette Renee Sullivan, age 48, of Turlock and Wanda Kay White, age 46, of Turlock, were convicted on May 19, 2014 of arson of an inhabited structure. Deputy District Attorney Samuel Getrich prosecuted the case for the People.

On February 19, 2013, Sullivan got into an argument at the former Lactalis cheese plant in Turlock with several people who were residing inside the building. Sullivan contacted her sister, White, who arrived at the building with White's daughter, Clardy. Clardy, White and Sullivan then acted in concert and set two separate fires inside the building which spread throughout the interior resulting in a complete loss of the 59,000 square foot building.

Upon entry of the no contest pleas, Judge Scott Steffen sentenced Wanda White to five years in state prison, Lanette Sullivan to five years in state prison and Erika Clardy to three years in state prison and ordered them to register as arson offenders for the rest of their lives.

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