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## **PREACHER ADMITS TO FLINGING MOLOTOV COCKTAIL**

(Beaumont, Texas) A Reverend with an Arkansas Baptist Church has pleaded guilty to illegally possessing an explosive device. **ANTHONY LOUIS EATON**, 50, formerly of Beaumont, entered his guilty plea before U. S. District Judge Thad Heartfield.

According to information presented in court, on March 20, 2003, Eaton got into an argument with his wife. He then made a "Molotov Cocktail" by filling glass containers with a flammable liquid, lighting them, and tossing them at his residence in the 2100 block of Filmore in Beaumont. An area next to the residence burned.

Eaton has claimed to be a Reverend with the New Hope Baptist Church in Van Buren, Arkansas.

Eaton faces up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. The case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Beaumont Fire Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John B. Stevens, Jr.

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