

Court accepts guilty plea of church arsonist

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Therese Salmons had been admitting guilt in nearly every court proceeding in which she participated. Wednesday, her plea was made official.



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Salmons, 43, who was charged with first-degree arson for setting fires to St. Peter Church, appeared Wednesday in front of Judge Thomas J. Brown III and pleaded guilty to the crime.

Brown accepted the guilty plea and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Salmons entered a blind plea, which means there is no plea agreement involved and it allows the prosecutor to seek

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the maximum punishment.

Salmons was represented by Public Defender Jan King. She repeatedly had denied representation from a public defender in previous court hearings, but was found incapable of representing herself Monday by Judge Richard Callahan.

She then was referred to the public defender's office.