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## **Foundation for Biomedical Research Condemns Firebombing Attacks on UC Santa Cruz Researchers**

*Firebombings pose an imminent threat to researchers, their families, and scientific discoveries*

WASHINGTON — The Foundation for Biomedical Research (FBR) condemns the firebombings which took place on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the homes of two University of California - Santa Cruz researchers. These attacks, which are considered acts of domestic terrorism and attempted homicide, are the culmination of the mounting threats and home attacks made by animal rights extremists over the past two years.

“These attacks are appalling and it is absolutely critical that the FBI swiftly apprehend the people who committed these felonies,” said FBR president Frankie Trull. “The FBI must make animal rights terrorism a primary concern before lives are lost. It is not only the researchers themselves who are at risk, but also their families. I urge researchers and administrators to take all necessary security precautions.”

Home harassments have increased in recent years, as animal rights extremists have shifted their focus from attacking laboratories to attacking individual homes. Such attacks pose a significant threat to researchers’ safety which is why Congress passed the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act in 2006, expanding the protections for researchers and companies targeted by animal rights extremists. While there have been many attacks and threats against researchers since the passing of the law, no one has yet been prosecuted.

The UC Santa Cruz firebombings are reprehensible, and show how animal rights extremism poses a significant threat to researchers, their families, and scientific discoveries. For more information on recent animal rights extremism, please visit our website at [www.fbresearch.org](http://www.fbresearch.org).

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