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SJC-13317

The issues in this matter involve whether the crime of attempted arson, as defined in G. L. c. 266, § 5A, requires a specific intent to set a fire or to burn, notwithstanding the ruling in Commonwealth v. Pfeiffer, 482 Mass. 110 (2019), that completed arson is a general intent crime, and if the statute does not require this specific intent, whether it is unconstitutionally vague as applied to the juvenile; and whether G. L. c. 266, § 5A, is unconstitutionally overbroad because it criminalizes innocent acts that are preliminary to an arson attempt or because it includes the placement of “any device” as an overt act, without requiring that such a device be flammable, explosive, or combustible.