

Governor pardons Roanoke murder defendant

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ROANOKE (AP) The governor of Virginia has granted an absolute pardon to a Roanoke man incarcerated for 21 years on convictions of arson and murder.

The Roanoke Times reports Gov. Terry McAuliffe pardoned Davey Reedy on Monday, nearly three decades after Reedy had been convicted of killing his two children in a house fire.

Reedy was released on parole in 2009. He had been serving time in prison after being convicted on two counts of first-degree murder and one count of arson in the 1987 incident.

McAuliffe says Reedy's convictions are not supported by the forensic evidence relied upon. He added that the scientific methods used to conduct arson investigations at the time of Reedy's trial are no longer reliable.

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