



A Hasidic Jewish teenager pleaded guilty to assault, for setting a neighbour on fire because he wasn't praying with the rest of the community.

Shaul Spitzer, 18, of New Square, New York, had been accused of severely burning Aron Rottenberg, 43, with a firebomb outside Mr Rottenberg's home in New Square, an insular Hasidic village of 7,000.

It happened after Mr Rottenberg confronted Spitzer when he threw a bag of burning shirts soaked in petrol on the porch of his home.

Mr Rottenberg suffered third-degree burns to more than 50 per cent of his body and prosecutor Stephen Moore said he spent more than a month in the hospital recovering.

**TVNL Comment: Nice thing, that religion. It does a great job of obliterating your ability to think critically or discern reality from fantasy.**

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