

## **Environmental Activist Indicted for Jan. 1 Arson**

**Charged under new terrorism law,  
Faces 25 years to life in prison**

The Thompson County yesterday indicted a local environmental activist on arson and terrorism counts. The accused, River Moon, was arrested in January on preliminary charges arising out of the fires that destroyed much of the Treasure Homes development on the north lakefront of Marshall City on New Year's morning.

The indictment means that River Moon faces a possible prison term of 25 years to life, under the new anti-terrorism laws that went into effect on 12:01 a.m., January 1 -- just hours before the fire.

When originally arrested, Moon claimed to be innocent. "Maybe I knew something, and maybe I didn't. I never set any fire, ever," Moon told a group of reporters in an impromptu press conference outside the courthouse after pleading not guilty to all charges..

"The powers that be have rushed to judgment, Moon declared. "I raised my voice for justice, and the deep-pocket eco-criminals are going to try to imprison me. I believe a jury will exonerate me, and we are demanding immediate trial.

The case has been placed on a fast-track trial calendar, and should go to a jury in early April.