

ANCHOR: More than a week ago, a federal jury in Wheeling found Ricky and Barbara Brown not-guilty of charges related to the 1997 Weston house fire that killed their three children. That fire also killed Jimmy Ables' son and daughter. And, for the first time since the fire, Ables is speaking out to Newschannel 5's Jaime George.

JAIME GEORGE, REPORTER, NEWSCHANNEL 5: Friends say Jimmy Ables still has nightmares about this fire, about his boy and girly dying inside the burning house. The recent verdict acquitting Ricky and Barbara Brown of all federal charges related to the fire has only troubled Jimmy Ables more.

JIMMY ABLES: "Like justice...there was none. There isn't going to be any. It's just like everybody has forgotten what exactly has happened."

GEORGE: Ables thinks the kids have been forgotten. That's why he's speaking out – for Seronica, Kimberly, and Brandon Castner and for his daughter Nikkie...

ABLES: "She loved school..."

GEORGE: ...and his son Jimmy...

ABLES: "He just loved life, had fund at whatever he was doing. Energetic."

GEORGE: Ables is not certain what role his former wife, Janette, played in the fire he believes was arson. But, Ables does not agree with the deal prosecutors gave her.

ABLES: "I believe she deserves more. I don't really have a choice in the matter, but with what she has told me – and I've known her for a long time – it doesn't seem right."

GEORGE: Jimmy Ables is waiting to see if Janette gets the maximum sentence for the lesser crimes she pleaded guilty to, and he's hoping that a state jury convicts Ricky and Barbara Brown. Then he might feel that some justice was done for the kids. Jaime George, Newschannel 5, Lewis County.

ANCHOR TAG: With Jimmy Ables' support, members of the Weston community have planned a candlelight vigil for the children. It will be held Monday, February 26th at six in the evening at the site of the fire, which is now a parking lot.