

## “KEEPING PACE” - #3

### EVIDENCE ALTERATION:

In the past few years P.A.C.E. has had evidence altered, destroyed, or lost when it is given to others for examination. We highly recommend not giving the evidence to anyone and not letting others examine it except at our facility in the presence of one of our people. Last year, three sets of evidence from our projects were purposefully altered after being sent to others for their examination. One alteration resulted in a lost trial. Another resulted in our client's suing for punitive damages. Only a total of about eight sets had been sent out.

### SHORT CIRCUIT DEFEATED:



The above photograph shows the only burn damage which occurred when a short circuit in the wiring ignited the plastic enclosure of the dehumidifier in the basement area shown. The burning plastic enclosure melted the solder in the copper water pipes in the ceiling above. This released enough water to extinguish the fire, so that very little else burned. The owners of the house had traveled to Georgia for the weekend, so no one would have discovered the fire until it had caused significant damage. As we have been saying for years, usually no one is safe from a short circuit fire, no matter how good their fuses or circuit breakers are.