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COOK COUNTY FATAL FIRE UNDER INVESTIGATION

ATLANTA – Around 7:20 A.M. on the morning of February 27, the City of Adel Fire Department responded to an abandoned residential fire off of West 8th Street in Adel, Georgia. When emergency personnel made their way inside the structure, they discovered the body of an unidentified male in the hallway outside a bedroom.

“It has been determined that the fire originated in the bedroom near where the victim was found. The bedroom suffered major damages, while the rest of the structure suffered minor smoke damage,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “Further tests are to be conducted before an exact identification is made on the victim. This case remains under investigation.”

The body of the deceased has been sent to the GBI Crime Lab, where an autopsy is set to be performed. Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit assisted the City of Adel Fire Department, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and the City of Adel Police Department with this investigation.

The unidentified male is the twenty-third victim to perish in a Georgia fire in 2020.



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