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ELBERT COUNTY FATAL FIRE RULED ACCIDENTAL

ATLANTA – Around 9:30 A.M. on the morning of March 15, Elbert County emergency officials responded to a residential fire off of Forston Drive in Elberton, Georgia. Once on scene, they were advised that Kenothy Brown, 52, was still inside the home.

Two Sheriff's Deputies were able to make their way inside the home and extract the man. He was immediately transported to Elbert Memorial Hospital, but later died as a result of his injuries. Another individual suffered minor injuries in the fire and was transported to the same hospital.

“It has been determined that the fire originated in the kitchen of the home as a result of unattended cooking. The kitchen of the 47-year-old, 975 square foot home suffered major damage while the rest of the home suffered minor smoke damage,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “No foul play is suspected.”

Commissioner King's Fire Investigations Unit assisted the city of Elberton Fire Department, the Elbert County Sheriff's Office, and the Elbert County Coroner's Office with this investigation.

Wiley is the twenty-sixth victim to perish in a Georgia fire in 2020.



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