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## HABERSHAM COUNTY FATAL FIRE UNDER INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, GA – Around 7:30 P.M Friday night, Habersham County Fire Department responded to a residential fire located at 961 Lakeview Heights in Cornelia, GA. When emergency personnel made their way inside the home, they found Jean Arthur Jones Sensow, 79, deceased in the living room.

The residence was heavily damaged by the fire and it appeared to have started in the area of the stove in the kitchen. The body of the deceased was sent to the GBI Crime Lab for autopsy. An official ruling will be made on the fire when the autopsy results are back. However, it will likely be ruled accidental.

The brick residence was approximately 55 years old and 1,268 square feet. No working detectors were present in the home at the time of the fire.

Investigators with the Safety Fire Commissioner's Office assisted the Habersham County Fire Department, City of Demorest Fire Department, and Habersham County Sheriff's Office with this investigation.

In 2019, Georgia fires have claimed the lives of 46 individuals.

