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MACON COUNTY FATAL FIRE RULED ACCIDENTAL

ATLANTA – Around 2:20 A.M. in the morning on April 18, the City of Oglethorpe Fire Department responded to a residential fire off of Kaigle Street. When emergency personnel made their way inside the home, they discovered the body of Michael Battle, 44, as well as the bodies of three juveniles.

“This tragic fire started in the kitchen of the home where the dryer was located,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “It is believed that it originated in the lint trap of the dryer.”

Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit assisted the Oglethorpe Fire Department and Oglethorpe Police Department with this investigation.

There have been 34 fire fatalities in Georgia in 2020.



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