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## MADISON COUNTY FATAL FIRE UNDER INVESTIGATION

**ATLANTA** – Shortly after 5:00 P.M. on the afternoon of July 10, the Madison County Fire Department responded to a fire at 7668 Wildcat Bridge Rd. in Royston. Upon arriving on the scene, they found severe fire damage throughout the 37-year-old, 1334-square-foot double wide mobile home. After extinguishment, a body was found inside the structure. The deceased was then transported to the GBI crime lab in Atlanta for an autopsy.

"The fire appears to have originated in the left end of the structure," said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. "The cause of this unfortunate fire is still under investigation and we are waiting on the crime lab to identify the deceased."

Commissioner King's Fire Investigations Unit is assisting the Madison County Fire Department and the Madison County Sheriff's Office with this investigation.

There have been 49 reported fire fatalities in Georgia in 2020.

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The mission of the Office of the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner is to protect Georgia families by providing access to vital insurance products and safe buildings through fair regulation that creates economic opportunities for all Georgians.