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MERIWETHER COUNTY FATAL EXPLOSION & FIRE UNDER INVESTIGATION

ATLANTA – Around 8:00 P.M. on the night of September 15, Meriwether County Fire Rescue responded to a residential fire at a single-wide mobile home located at 6399 Rocky Mount Road in Greenville, Georgia. When emergency personnel arrived on scene, a significant fire had started at the residence.

Two victims were inside the home at the time of the fire. Both individuals suffered severe injuries and were flown to Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. The day following the fire, Brenda Shelnett, 64, of Greenville, Georgia, succumbed to her injuries. The other victim remains in critical condition.

“The 41-year-old, 720 square foot mobile home suffered major damage from the fire. At this time, the incident does not appear to be criminal in nature,” said Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “Further investigation revealed an explosion had occurred at the home followed by the fire. It is not yet known what caused the explosion and this case remains under investigation.”

Investigators with the Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office are assisting the Meriwether County Fire Rescue and the Meriwether County Sheriff’s Office with this investigation.

In 2019, Georgia fires have claimed the lives of 61 individuals.



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