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### **MONROE COUNTY FATAL FIRE CAUSED BY SPACE HEATER**

**ATLANTA** – Shortly before 5:00 A.M on the morning of January 27, the Monroe County Fire Department responded to a structure fire located off of Pine Drive in Jackson, Georgia. After extinguishment, emergency personnel discovered the body of an unidentified male inside the structure.

“The body of the deceased was turned over to the GBI Crime Lab, where an autopsy is set to be performed. Further tests are to be conducted before an exact identification is made on the victim,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “It is believed that this fire was started by a propane space heater. Please be sure to practice extreme caution when using space heaters in your home.”

If you plan on using a space heater for your home, Commissioner King reminds you to follow [these important safety](#) tips when it is in use.

Investigators with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office are assisting Monroe County Fire Department and the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office with this investigation.

The unidentified male is the fifth victim to perish in a Georgia fire in 2020.



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