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MONROE COUNTY JUVENILE ARRESTED FOR MURDER, ARSON

ATLANTA – On February 27, Investigators with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office assisted with the arrest of a minor for two counts of Felony Murder, one count of Arson in the First Degree, and multiple counts of Theft by Taking. The charges stem from the alleged involvement in setting fire to the home in which the juvenile lived causing the deaths of two other occupants.

The fire was called in at 3:30 A.M. on February 27. When the Monroe County Fire Department arrived on scene, the home was fully engulfed in flames. Upon extinguishment, two bodies were found inside the structure and it was discovered that the fire originated in the living room.

Later that afternoon, authorities from the McCracken County Sheriff’s Office in western Kentucky contacted the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office with information regarding the case. Upon further Investigation, enough probable cause was obtained to bring forth the previously mentioned charges against the juvenile.

“As you can see, this investigation had a lot of moving parts, all which happened very quickly,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “On behalf of the agency, I would like to say thank you to the local law enforcement professionals that assisted with this case, both here in Georgia and in Kentucky.”

Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit is assisting the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, the Monroe County Fire Department, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation with this investigation. The juvenile is the nineteenth individual to be arrested with the assistance of Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit in 2020.

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