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SPALDING COUNTY FATAL FIRE RULED ACCIDENTAL

ATLANTA – Shortly after 11:30 A.M. on the morning of February 6, the Spalding County Fire Department responded to a residential fire located off of 4th Avenue in Griffin, Georgia. During extinguishment, emergency personnel extracted Melony Pass, 47, from the home and transported her to a local hospital. Later that night, she passed away as a result of her injuries.

“The structure suffered moderate damage to the interior,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “The fire originated in the front bedroom and was caused by a misuse of smoking materials near the bed.”

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

Pass was the tenth victim to perish in a Georgia fire in 2020. There has since been two more fatalities, bringing the total number of reported victims to twelve.



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