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TREUTLEN COUNTY FATAL FIRE UNDER INVESTIGATION

ATLANTA – Shortly after 2:00 A.M. on the morning of July 1, the Treutlen County Fire Department responded to a residential fire at 4523 West Main Street in Soperton, Georgia. When emergency personnel arrived on the scene, the rear of the 85-year-old, 1,194 square-foot home was completely ablaze. Upon extinguishment, the body of Timothy Wayne Graham, 56, was found near the rear door of the home. The body was immediately transferred to the GBI Crime Lab in Pooler for an autopsy.

“This deadly fire began in the kitchen before spreading to the attic, causing extensive damage,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “The rest of the home suffered significant smoke and water damage. The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation at this time.”

Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit is assisting the Treutlen County Sheriff’s Office, the Treutlen County Fire Department, and the Treutlen County Coroner’s Office with this investigation.

There have been 47 reported fire fatalities in Georgia in 2020.



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