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TWIGGS COUNTY FATAL FIRE UNDER INVESTIGATION

ATLANTA – Shortly after midnight on August 10, Twiggs County Fire Department responded to a residential fire located at 14960 US Highway 80 in Jeffersonville, Georgia. When emergency personnel made their way inside the home, they found Shanika Basely, 25, deceased in the front bedroom.

“The residence was heavily damaged and the fire appeared to have started in the area of the stove in the kitchen. The initial investigation points to food left unattended as the cause,” said Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “The brick residence was approximately 47 years old and 1,696 square feet at the time of the fire.”

Investigators with the Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office assisted the Twiggs County Fire Department, City of Jeffersonville Police Department, and Twiggs County Sheriff’s Office with this investigation.

In 2019, Georgia fires have claimed the lives of 48 individuals.



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