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WASHINGTON COUNTY FATAL FIRE RULED ACCIDENTAL

ATLANTA – Shortly after 5:15 A.M. on the morning of May 16, the City of Sandersville Fire Department responded to a residential fire off of P.L. Braswell Way. When emergency personnel arrived on scene, the 30-year-old, 924 square-foot mobile home was completely engulfed in flames. After extinguishment, the body of Elizabeth Reynolds, 49, was discovered near a bedroom window.

“Multiple extension cords were used to supply power to the end of the home where the fire started. Those extension cords could not be eliminated as having caused the fire,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “The residence was completely destroyed by this unfortunate event. No smoke detectors were found in the home.”

Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit assisted the Sandersville Fire Department, the Sandersville Police Department, and the Washington County Coroner’s Office with this investigation.

There have been 39 reported fire fatalities in Georgia in 2020.



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