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WASHINGTON COUNTY FATAL FIRE UNDER INVESTIGATION

ATLANTA – Shortly after 4:00 A.M on the morning of February 7, emergency officials responded to a residential fire located off of Wrightsville-Riddleville Road in Harrison, Georgia. After extinguishment, the body of Shelly M. Tanner, 47, was discovered on the floor of the kitchen.

“The 23-year-old, double-wide mobile home was completely destroyed by the blaze. Due to the extreme damage caused by the fire, a cause and origin cannot yet be identified,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “This fire remains under investigation.”

The body of the deceased was turned over to the GBI Crime Lab, where an autopsy is set to be performed. Two other individuals escaped the home with minor injuries.

Investigators with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office are assisting the Harrison Volunteer Fire Department, the Riddleville Volunteer Fire Department, and the Washington County Sheriff’s Office with this investigation.

Tanner is the eleventh victim to perish in a Georgia fire in 2020. There has since been one more fatality, bringing the total number of reported victims to twelve.



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