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ACCIDENTAL FIRE TAKES LIFE OF SYLVESTER MAN

ATLANTA – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that Charles Stacy Watson, 57, was killed in an accidental fire early Wednesday morning on Youngblood Road in Sylvester.

Investigators arrived on scene around 1:30 a.m. to find the 25-year-old mobile home with heavy smoke and heat damage throughout.

“Mr. Watson’s body was found in a bedroom at the end of the structure,” said Commissioner King. “Our investigators determined that a container of cigarette butts discovered near the mattress in the bedroom was the cause of this fatal fire. Unfortunately, there were no smoke detectors found in the home.”

This is the 74th death from a Georgia fire in 2021. Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit assisted the Worth County Fire Department and Sheriff’s Office with this investigation.



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