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HANCOCK COUNTY FIRE KILLS ONE VICTIM

ATLANTA – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that a residential fire in Sparta killed one 81-year-old victim.

At the request of the Hancock County Fire Department, investigators from the State Fire Marshal’s Office responded to a morning home fire on Barnes Road. Neighbors reported hearing a woman shouting before hearing an explosion and seeing fire at the residence.

“After the fire was safely contained, first responders were able to locate the victim in a storage closet connected to the garage,” said Commissioner King. “The victim has been transported to GBI for positive identification. While the cause of the fire is still under investigation, it is believed to be accidental in nature.”

Our office assisted the Hancock County Fire Department and Sheriff’s Office with this case.



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