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### **HEARD COUNTY MAN KILLED IN RESIDENTIAL FIRE**

**ATLANTA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that a residential fire in Heard County claimed the life of an unidentified elderly man.

On August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Heard County Fire Department requested assistance from Commissioner King’s Arson unit in reference to a residential fire in Franklin. It was reported to investigators that the structure was fully involved by the time firefighters arrived at the scene.

“We are awaiting positive identification of the victim from the GBI Crime Lab, and, in the meantime, our investigators are conducting a thorough investigation into this incident,” said Commissioner King. “Due to the extreme level of damage to the structure, the cause of the fire is still under investigation.”

Commissioner King’s Fire Investigations Unit is coordinating with the Heard County Fire Department and the Heard County Sheriff’s Department on this case.



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