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Woman Dies in Loranger Fire

Loranger LA- State Fire Marshal H “Butch” Browning announced information today in reference to a fatal fire that has claimed the life of a woman in her home located in Tangipahoa Parish.

The Lonanger Fire Department was dispatched at 1:16pm to 52435 Highway 40 to a report of a residence on fire. Firefighters arrived one minute later to discover that the home was significantly involved in flames. They quickly entered the dangerous building and rescued the body of Jane Vidal (dob. 12-17-1953); she was located in the bathroom. First Responders administered emergency medical care and she was airlifted to North Oaks Medical Center located in Hammond Louisiana. Despite the heroic efforts of Firefighters Mrs. Vidal was later pronounced dead at the hospital as the result of the injuries sustained at the fire scene. The victim’s husband was also in the home and was sleeping at the time of the fire. He was awoken by smoke and was able to escape from his bedroom window, he was not injured. Mutual aid was also provided from the Husser and Amite Fire Departments.

The State Fire Marshal’s Office was called to investigate this fire and tragic loss of life. Fire investigators will be analyzing the fire scene and determining the cause of this fatal fire. The investigation is in the early stages and no cause has been determined however there have been no suspicious circumstances found. The home did not have any working smoke alarms. The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff’s Office is also assisting in this investigation.

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