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Fluker Fire Leaves One Dead

Fluker, LA – A manufactured home fire early Tuesday morning, where a man's body was recovered, remains the focus of State Fire Marshal investigators as they continue to examine the circumstances surrounding the fire.

Investigators were dispatched to 65550 South Hookfin Road, in Fluker, after local fire crews responded at approximately 5:52 a.m. Tuesday to a reported residential structure fire involving four (4) occupants.

After entering the structure, firefighters located the body of 50-year-old Terrance Venible in a bedroom of the structure. The victim's body was later released to the Tangipahoa Parish Coroner for autopsy after being examined by investigators.

The remaining three occupants, including an adult female and two children, were able to safely escape the blaze.

The victim, investigators learned, suffered from a previous injury that greatly diminished his mobility, which may have played a role in his inability to escape from the structure, which was severely damaged as a result of the fire.

While the exact cause of the fire is unknown, investigators established that the fire originated in a bedroom of the home near a window air conditioning unit.

This investigation remains active.

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