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Alto Woman Dies in House Fire

RICHLAND PARISH- State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies continue investigating the circumstances surrounding a house fire in Alto that claimed the life of a female resident.

Around 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15, the Alto Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire call located in the 300 block of JB Ratcliff Road. Firefighters unfortunately located the body of a woman near a window in a bedroom.

While official identification and cause of death are pending with the Richland Parish Coroner's Office, the victim is believed to be a 51-year-old resident of the home.

At this time, due to the extensive damage, deputies have been unable to determine where the fire began. The cause of the fire also remains undetermined, however, the investigation is ongoing.

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