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# One Dead in Centerville Fire

**Centerville, LA** - State Fire Marshal investigators continue piecing together the circumstances surrounding a pre-dawn residential structure fire where the body of a man was found.

Investigators were summoned after firefighters from the Franklin Fire Department responded to 113 Bonnie Road in Centerville just before 2:00 a.m. Thursday morning, upon the report of a manufactured home fire. Upon their arrival, firefighters found the residence fully engulfed in flames.

After a portion of the metal roof spanning the residence was removed to better facilitate suppression efforts, firefighters discovered the body of 67 year-old homeowner, Stanley Damron, in the kitchen of the structure, which was destroyed as a result of the fire.

After being processed by investigators, the victim's body was released to the St. Mary Parish coroner for autopsy.

Due to the damage inflicted to the structure, investigators have yet to determine the precise origin and cause of the fire. Investigators did, however, learn that Damron was a heavy smoker and one who stored and maintained an unusually large amount of items in his home.

The investigation into the cause of this fire continues.

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## **NEWS RELEASE - ADDENDUM**

## **CENTERVILLE FATAL FIRE** (July 14, 2016)

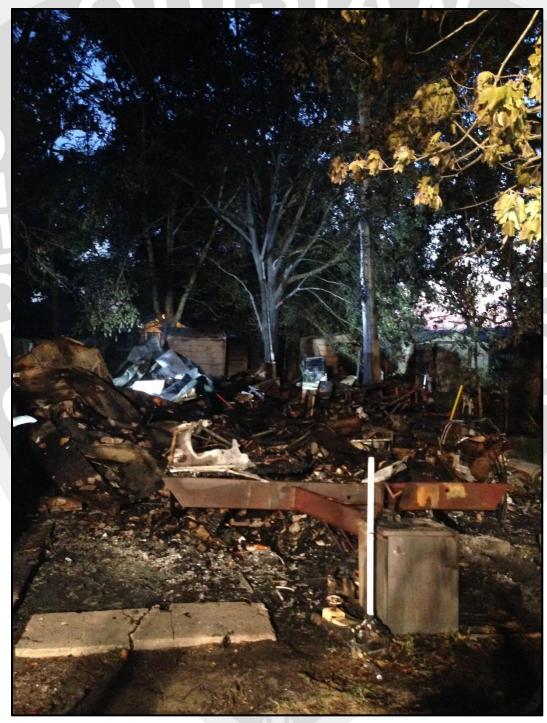


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