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Two Dead in Sulphur House Fire

Sulphur, LA – An incident of unattended cooking may have played a role in a deadly residential structure fire in Sulphur early Wednesday, according to State Fire Marshal investigators.

Investigators were summoned to 2425 Jett Street in Sulphur after local fire crews responded to the location shortly after 2:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. While conducting suppression activities, firefighters located the bodies of the two homeowners, 68-year-old Arlan Barrilleaux and his wife, Dianne Barrilleaux, 58, in a bedroom of the structure.

After being examined by investigators, the bodies of the victims were released to the Calcasieu Parish Coroner for autopsy. Preliminary indications are that the couple died from smoke inhalation.

Three family pets also perished in the fire.

While the official cause of the fire remains under investigation, investigators suspect that the fire, which originated on the stove in the kitchen of the wood-framed, brick-veneer home is believed to have resulted from an unattended pot left on the stove.

The residence, which had no working smoke alarms at the time of the fire, suffered significant damage with a number of structural support components having been burned away or collapsed.

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