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Fire Claims the Life of West Monroe Man

OUACHITA PARISH- State Fire Marshal deputies continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding a house fire that claimed the life of a 92-year-old man.

On Tuesday evening, February 12, the Ouachita Parish Fire Department responded to a house fire in the 600 block of Howard Brown Road in West Monroe.

The body of the 92-year-old male homeowner was later located in the home's kitchen. Official identification and preliminary cause of death are pending with the Ouachita Parish Coroner's Office.

After assessing the scene, SFM investigators determined the fire originated in the home's living room.

While collecting witness statements, investigators learned the elderly homeowner's daughter had been at the home, just before the fire, caring for him due to his poor health. She told investigators she returned to her home down the street to prepare dinner for him and her family. During that time, her husband spotted the fire from down the street. He told investigators he ran to the home to attempt to locate his father-in-law inside, but was unsuccessful.

While the exact cause of the fire remains undetermined at this time, investigators do not consider it to be suspicious.

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