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### Investigation Into Woodworth Fatal Fire Continues

**RAPIDES PARISH-** State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies continue investigating the circumstances surrounding a weekend house fire that claimed the life of a female occupant.

Around 10:30 p.m. on October 12, the Woodworth Fire Department responded to a house fire in the 300 block of North Spring Drive. A neighbor, who called 911, reported hearing a sound similar to fireworks before going outside to investigate and discovering a glow in the direction of the home.

Firefighters later discovered the body of a 62-year-old female resident inside. Official identification and cause of death are pending an autopsy by the Rapides Parish Coroner's Office.

Due to the extent of the damage, which included structural collapse, the origin of the fire and its cause remain undetermined. Through witness statements, investigators have learned it is unlikely that there are any potential storm-related causes associated with this fire, but that is not ruled out yet. Deputies do not consider this fire suspicious.

The investigation is ongoing.

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