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Body Discovered in Burning Car in Marrero

Marrero, LA – State Fire Marshal investigators and detectives from the Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office continue to piece together the circumstances surrounding a fire where the body of a man was found inside a burning vehicle.

Investigators were requested Friday morning after fire crews responded to a reported fire at 1129 Martin Drive in Marrero shortly after 9:00 a.m., where they discovered a vehicle fully engulfed in flames in the backyard of a residence.

After the fire was extinguished, crews discovered the severely burned and lifeless body of a man in the passenger area of the vehicle, which was destroyed by the fire. The adjacent wood-framed home suffered only minor damage from the heat of the burning vehicle.

After being examined by investigators, the body was released to the Jefferson Parish coroner for autopsy, which will determine the official cause of death.

Details as to the cause of the fire are being withheld at this time. This investigation remains active.

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