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Overnight Fire Rips Through Marksville Home Leaving 4 Dead

Mother, Community Mourns Loss

Marksville, LA – State Fire Marshal investigators were called to investigate a deadly overnight fire in Marksville that claimed the lives of a father, two (2) children, and a grandmother.

Just after 11:00 p.m. Thursday, Marksville firefighters were dispatched to a residential structure fire located at 661 Bill Belt Road, when a neighbor called 911 after seeing the home on fire.

After the fire was brought under control, firefighters entered the structure and found that four (4) family members had not escaped the devastating blaze.

State Fire Marshal investigators recovered the bodies of Stanley Charrier; 32, his mother, Catherine Charrier, 62; his 9-year-old son, Carlin, and his 12-year-old stepdaughter, Emily Graham. Three of the bodies were found together in one area of the home, and the fourth in a separate area within the charred remnants of the structure. The wife and mother, Monique Charrier, was at work at the time of the fire.

The bodies were later released to the Avoyelles Parish Coroner's Office pending autopsies, which have been requested.

At this hour, investigators remain at the scene, combing through the debris, trying to piece together the cause of this deadly fire.

"Barely into a new year and a mother faces the loss of her husband and babies," said State Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning. "As a father, I can't begin to imagine the pain she must be feeling now. Our thoughts and prayers are with her at this very difficult time."

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