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House Destroyed by Fire, One Dead

Minden, LA - An early morning fire today destroyed a Webster Parish home, leaving the sole occupant dead.

Just after 4:00 a.m., State Fire Marshal investigators were dispatched to the scene of a fire at 351 Garland Road in Minden. The fire completely destroyed a small travel trailer, wherein the fire originated.

Within the charred remains of the home, investigators discovered the body of 25 year old Robin Coker. Coker lived in the travel trailer adjacent to a manufactured home belonging to his parents. The fire was discovered by the victim's mother.

While the investigation is active and ongoing, initial findings have not yet established a cause for the fire. Investigators, however, discovered an extension cord that was apparently providing power from the mobile home to the travel trailer.

Through interviews with family members, investigators learned that Coker was a heavy smoker who frequently smoked within the home. Additionally, Coker was known to use handmade candles within the home, some of which were made by Coker.

The travel trailer was equipped with a smoke alarm, but it remains unclear as to whether it was functional at the time of the fire.

An autopsy will be performed in Little Rock, Arkansas which will determine the cause of death.

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