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Fire Destroys Rosedale Home; One Dead

Investigators suspect space heater as cause of fire.

Rosedale, LA – Investigators of the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office responded to a residential structure fire after a request by the Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office. The fire resulted in the death of the 64-year-old homeowner.

Rosedale Volunteer Fire Department firefighters responded to the fire at 78755 Rosedale Road just before 4:30 p.m., Saturday, after an Iberville Parish sheriff's deputy observed the residence on fire while he was on patrol in the area.

After entry into the home was made, firefighters located the lifeless body of homeowner Curtis L. Trosclair lying on the floor in a bedroom in the southwest corner of the structure, in close proximity to a bed which had been heavily consumed by fire. The single-story, wood-framed structure was completely destroyed.

Trosclair's body, which had suffered severe thermal injuries, was later released to the Iberville Parish Coroner for autopsy after being examined by investigators.

During their initial examination of the scene, investigators found multiple space heaters in various locations throughout the charred remnants of the home, with one located directly adjacent to the bed where Trosclair's body was found. While it is unknown whether the heater was in use at the time of the fire, the area near the bed is believed to be where the fire originated.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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