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Investigation Continues Into Deadly Opelousas Fire

Opelousas, LA – State Fire Marshal investigators are still looking into the cause of a deadly fire that claimed the life of an Opelousas man.

Investigators were requested after St. Landry Parish firefighters responded shortly at approximately 8:15 p.m. Thursday night to a residential structure fire at 292 Carl Drive in Opelousas.

Upon entry into the home, which was significantly damaged, firefighters located the lifeless body of Curtis Iles, 54, in the hallway outside of his bedroom, in the rear of the home.

Iles, who stays with the homeowners, was the only person present in the home at the time of the fire, which was discovered by neighbors. Several neighbors also reported that Iles was observed in the front yard of the home approximately an hour prior to the fire.

Iles' body, which suffered thermal injuries, was later released to the St. Landry Parish Coroner after being examined by investigators. An autopsy will be performed Friday to determine the cause of death.

While the cause of the fire has not yet been determined, investigators have established that the origin of the fire was Iles' bedroom.

Investigators will continue the examination of the fire scene today.

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