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## **Princeton Fire Claims the Life of a Woman**

### *Autopsy to determine cause of death*

**Princeton, LA** – The State Fire Marshal’s Office will return today to the scene of a fire where a 55 year-old Princeton woman died late Saturday night.

Bossier Parish firefighters responded to a manufactured home fire located at 2033 Coastal Drive, in Princeton, near midnight Friday after a resident of the home phoned 911.

Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire, which was confined to a bedroom on one end of the residence and where the body of Sherry Cooper was found lying on the floor. Cooper shared the home with her mother, Cora Lampkin, and son, Rusty Brooks.

Brooks informed investigators that while he was watching television in his bedroom, which was on the opposite end of the mobile home where Cooper’s body was found, he began to smell smoke. Tracing the odor to Cooper’s room, he discovered heavy smoke emanating from the room and observed Cooper’s bed on fire.

After being unable to enter his mother’s room, Brooks stated that he then awakened his grandmother and escorted her out of the home and called 911.

Cooper’s body was later released to the Bossier Parish Coroner for autopsy after being examined by investigators.

While no formal determination has been made as to the cause of this deadly fire, investigators established that the origin of the fire was indeed Cooper’s bedroom.

The status of this investigation into this tragic fire is active.

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