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## Woman's Body Found in Burned Structure; Investigation Continues

**New Iberia, LA** - State Fire Marshal and Iberia Parish Sheriff's investigators continue to examine the circumstances surrounding a residential structure fire where a woman's body was found Monday evening.

Investigators responded to the scene after Iberia Parish firefighters were dispatched to 7310 Joe Viator Road at approximately 5:00 p.m., Monday, where they found the single-wide manufactured home fully engulfed in flames.

After suppression efforts were initiated and firefighters were able to enter the structure, the lifeless and badly burned body of 45-year-old Amber L. Callahan was located lying in the home. Callahan's body was later released to the Iberia Parish Coroner for autopsy after being examined by detectives.

Callahan's boyfriend and tenant of the home, Eugene Haley, 53, received medical attention after being slightly injured as he attempted to enter the burning residence, which suffered partial collapse of exterior and interior walls.

Investigators have determined where the fire originated and continue to piece together the cause of the fire. Detectives worked late into the evening processing the scene where various items of evidence were collected.

An autopsy, which will definitively determine the cause of Callahan's death, will be conducted Wednesday morning.

This investigation remains active.

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**News Release – Addendum (RE: New Iberia Fatal Fire; 1/25/16)**



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