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Simsboro House Fire Leaves One Dead

Simsboro, LA – State Fire Marshal investigators continue to examine the circumstances surrounding a March 18th residential structure fire in Lincoln Parish which left one man dead.

Investigators were dispatched to 225 Davis Road, Simsboro, where local firefighters responded to a house fire shortly before 10:00 p.m. Saturday. After suppressing the fire, crews located the body of 77-year-old Felton L. Cockerham in the kitchen area of the wood-framed structure.

After being examined by investigators, the victim's body was released to the Lincoln Parish Coroner for autopsy.

While the investigation into what caused the fire continues, investigators established that the fire originated in the living room of the home, which suffered significant damage.

Although smoke alarms activated and sounded within the home providing early warning of the fire, investigators believe that Cockerham's ability to escape the blaze was hampered by his diminished mobility.

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