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Investigation into Deadly Monroe Fire Continues

OUACHITA PARISH- The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal is continuing to look into the circumstances surrounding the house fire that claimed the life of a 10-year-old boy in Monroe.

The Ouachita Parish Coroner's Office has identified the child as Tavoris Johnson, Jr. An autopsy is being conducted today to determine cause of death.

The Ouachita Parish Fire Department responded to the fire around 12:45 a.m. on Wednesday, October 24 in the 100 block of Cleveland Circle.

Investigators have narrowed down the fire's area of origin to be between the kitchen and dining room, but continue to look into the cause. Investigators have found no evidence of smoke detectors being present.

The LAOSFM wants to, again, strongly urge families to recognize the life-saving difference that smoke alarms can make in a fire emergency. Our agency partners with local fire departments and districts to provide FREE smoke alarm installations at any time of the year through our Operation Save-A-Life program. Visit lasfm.org for more information on the program.

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