



# Allen County Coroner

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To: All Media Outlets  
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On Friday, February 2, 2018 the Allen County Coroner's Office was notified that the Fort Wayne Fire Department was involved in fighting a house fire located in the 1200 block of Huestis Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana. While battling the fire a deceased individual was located inside. The Coroner's Office was requested on scene. A second deceased individual was located inside the home.

Autopsies have been completed on both individuals. Positive identification and notification has been made to the next of kin for Nancy R. Gaff, female white 68 years of age, from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The Cause of Death has been determined to be Smoke Inhalation; the Manner of Death is Accident.

The second deceased individual has not been positively identified and due to the condition of the remains DNA testing will be used to assist in making the positive identification.

The Cause of Death has been determined to be Smoke Inhalation and Thermal Burns; the Manner of Death is Accident

This incident remains under investigation by the Fort Wayne Fire Department and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

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