



# Allen County Coroner

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To: All Media Outlets  
For Immediate Release

The Allen County Coroner's Office was notified of the fatal fire located in the 2200 block of Broadway, Fort Wayne, Indiana at about 18:20 hours on October 30, 2019. The fire was contained to a number of rented storage units. The fire was originally called into the dispatch center at about 17:00 hours on October 30, 2019.

Once the fire was contained, the Fort Wayne Fire Department began to search the units for the deceased. The deceased was transported from the scene to the NEIFC, for autopsy and positive identification.

The autopsy has been completed and identification has been made. The next of kin has been contacted and notified of the death. The deceased has been identified as Richard David Walls, male white 81 years of age, from Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Cause of Death is Smoke Inhalation and 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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