



# Allen County Coroner

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PRESS RELEASE  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To: All Media Outlets  
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The Allen County Coroner's Office was notified of a deceased individual found within a house fire, located in the 3400 block of East State Boulevard, in Fort Wayne, on Monday, March 8, 2021, at approximately 08:30 hours. The deceased individual has been identified as Edmund W. Burnette, male, white, age 72.

Mr. Burnette had not been seen for several days, thus the apartment management entered into the locked apartment using a key. Once inside it was obvious that a fire had occurred, with heavy smoke damage, however the fire had extinguished itself.

Edmund W. Burnette was pronounced deceased at the scene by Three Rivers Ambulance Authority.

The autopsy has been completed and the Cause of Death and Manner of Death are Pending.

The Allen County Coroner's Office has exhausted all attempts to notified Edmund W. Burnette's next of kin, and is requesting anyone with information regarding his next of kin, specifically his daughter and her whereabouts would be greatly appreciated. Please call 260-449-7389, with any information.

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

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