



Allen County Coroner

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The Allen County Coroner's Office was contacted reference a fatal fire investigation located in the 15000 block of Mill Road at about 1705 hours on August 28, 2020.

Numerous fire departments and agencies assisted in the battling of the fire.

Once firefighters were able to gain entry into the residence, the decedent was located on the couch in the living room area of the mobile home. Death was pronounced on scene. The decedent has been identified and notification has been made to the next of kin of Talmedge L. Stewart, male white 71 years of age, from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The autopsy has been completed and the Cause of Death is Inhalation of Products of Combustion and then Manner of Death is Accident.

This remains under investigation by the Indiana State Fire Marshalls Office, the Allen County Fire Arson Specialized Team, the Allen County Sheriff's Department, and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

Michael Burris
Chief Investigator
Allen County Coroner's Office

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