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To: All Media Outlets
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The Fort Wayne Fire Department has completed their investigation regarding the residential fire in the 3800 block of Chancery Place in Fort Wayne on September 24, 2020, that took the lives of three individuals.

Regarding Hazel Oliva Deford, female, white, age 2, her cause of death is smoke inhalation and the manner of death is undetermined.

Regarding Lily Eloise Deford, female, white age 11 months, her cause of death is anoxic brain injury due to smoke inhalation, and the manner of death is undetermined.

Regarding Janice Ann Williams, female, white, age 33, her cause of death is smoke inhalation and the manner of death is undetermined.

For further details regarding this investigation please contact the Fort Wayne Fire Department.

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