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HUDGENS INVESTIGATING FATAL FIRE IN CHATTOOGA COUNTY

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens' office is investigating an early morning house fire in Chattooga County that left a man dead.

Killed in the fire was Charlie Gifford, 35. The home, located at 361 4th Street in Summerville, Ga., was damaged. Hudgens said the fire call came in about 2:11 a.m.

An initial investigation revealed the fire originated in a bedroom of the home, but the exact cause of the fire remains under investigation. The home did not have a working smoke detector.