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HOUSE FIRE IN OGLETHORPE COUNTY KILLS ELDERLY MAN

Atlanta – Fire Investigators with Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens' office have ruled an early morning fatal mobile home fire in Oglethorpe County accidental.

Killed in the 3 a.m. fire was Henry Knight, Jr., 86. His wife Annette Knight, 83, escaped the blaze unharmed. The singlewide mobile home located in the 600 block of McWhorter Road, Stephens, Georgia, was destroyed by the blaze.

Commissioner Hudgens said the investigation revealed the fire was the result of an electrical malfunction in the living room area of the home. This fatality brings Georgia's fire death total to 31 for 2016.

Hudgens said fire investigators from his office worked with the Oglethorpe County Sheriff's Office.

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