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HUDGENS: TRIPLE FATAL FIRE IN THOMAS COUNTY UNDER INVESTIGATION

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens’ office is investigating of an early morning house fire in Thomasville, Georgia that claimed the lives of three adults.

Discovered in the 5:30 a.m. blaze was Christine Mae Sampson, 61, Earl Milton McClain, 52 and Nathaniel Barnes, 67. The house, located at 1011 Madison Alley was destroyed by the fire Hudgens said.

An initial investigation revealed that the fire originated in a rear bedroom of the home where fire investigators discovered the remnants of a space heater and a charred electric strip. Investigators were unable to determine if the home had a working smoke alarm. The exact cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The victim’s remains will be sent to the state crime lab for autopsy. The Thomasville Fire Department, and Thomasville Police Department are assisting Hudgens’ office on the case.