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Man Dies in Benton Residential Fire

BOSSIER PARISH- State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies, in partnership with Benton Fire District #4, are investigating a residential fire involving one death.

Just after 5:30 a.m. on Friday, April 17, Benton Fire District #4 responded to a call for a fire in a small apartment space above a horse barn at a horse training complex located in the 100 block of Wilson Loop in Benton. Another resident of the property noticed the fire, and after calling 911, attempted to extinguish the flames with a water hose. No horses were injured in the fire.

Upon firefighters' arrival, the body of a 46-year-old male was located in the unit's bathroom. Official identification and cause of death are pending an autopsy by the Bossier Parish Coroner's Office.

After an assessment of the scene, deputies determined the fire originated in the living room area of the unit. At this time, the exact cause of the fire remains undetermined, however, there are no suspicious circumstances.

This investigation is ongoing.

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