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Man Dies in Arnaudville Mobile Home Fire

SAINT LANDRY PARISH- State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies continue their investigation into a mobile home fire that claimed the life of an Arnaudville man.

Just after 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, the Arnaudville Fire Department responded to a report of a mobile home fire located in the 1000 block of Lena Drive. Firefighters later discovered the body of a man near the front door of the mobile home.

While official identification and cause of death are pending with the coroner's office, the victim is believed to be the 53-year-old homeowner.

Following an assessment of the scene and collecting witness statements, deputies have determined the fire began in a bedroom. At this time, the cause of the fire remains undetermined as deputies are unable to rule out multiple potential factors including electrical and unsafe smoking practices.

Once again, the SFM is reminding Louisianans to avoid smoking indoors and to ensure all smoking materials are properly extinguished in the appropriate manner. Also, it is strongly recommended to refrain from any smoking practices when tired or under the influence of alcohol or medications that make you drowsy. In addition, all spark-producing objects, like lighters, should be kept out of the reach of children.

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