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**HUDGENS: COWETA COUNTY WOMAN DIES IN HOUSE FIRE**

**Atlanta** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said an early Friday morning house fire in Coweta County that claimed the life of an elderly woman has been ruled accidental.

The fire, which was reported today around 3:26 a.m., at 2418 Highway 29 North, in Newnan, Ga., killed Ellinor Madrak, 91. Her grandson, Jeff Scott, 51, who is legally blind, escaped the fire with minor injuries. The blaze destroyed the home.

“A fire investigator with my office has determined that this fire started in the attic of the home and was caused by an electrical malfunction,” Commissioner Hudgens said.

This death is the 91st residential housing fatality in Georgia for 2017.