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Warren County House Fire Kills Two People; Injuries Two Others

Atlanta, GA - The Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's Office is investigating a Christmas morning fire in Warren County that claimed two lives and injured two others.

The fire, which occurred around 5 a.m. at 45 Thomas Road in Warrenton, Ga., killed Robert Franklin, 78, and his grandson Bob Frails, 17. Injured by the blaze and transported to the Augusta Burn Center was Robert's wife Toni Franklin, 75, and his grandson Tyrese Franklin, 14.

"The exact cause of this deadly and destructive blaze is unknown at this time," said Deputy Insurance and Fire Commissioner Jay Florence. "Fire investigators with our office believe a space heater or kerosene heat may have started the fire."

These deaths bring Georgia's fire fatalities totals to 114 for 2017.