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HUDGENS: CRISP COUNTY FATAL FIRE WAS ACCIDENTAL

Atlanta – Fire Investigators with Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens' office have determined that a Sunday afternoon house fire in Crisp County was accidental.

Commissioner Hudgens said the fire killed Todd Mercer, 38, at his home located at 305 Andrew Street, Vienna, Ga. The fire occurred at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Investigators have determined that unattended cooking was the cause of the fire. Mercer was transported to Crisp County Hospital where he later died from smoke inhalation.