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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **HOUSE FIRE CLAIMS TWO LIVES IN DOUGLAS COUNTY**

**Atlanta, GA** – Fire Investigators with the Safety Fire Commissioner's Office, the Douglas County Fire Department and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) are investigating a Monday evening house fire that claimed two lives in Douglas County.

Killed yesterday in the 9:30 p.m. fire was Stacia Williams, 28, and her cousin Jermaude Earl, 10. Both victims were removed from the home by firefighters and transported to a local hospital where they later died. The two-story house, located in the 500 block of Boulder Park Drive, Lithia Springs Ga., was destroyed.

"Investigators determined that the fire originated in the basement of the home," Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said. "The exact cause of the fire remains undetermined."

With these deaths, 41 Georgians have died from a fire in 2018. Thirty of those deaths occurred in residential fires.