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OXENDINE: HOME FIRE RESULTS IN FATALITY IN FOLKSTON

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John W. Oxendine said a home fire resulted in the death of an 11-year-old boy early this morning in Folkston, Ga.

The fire originated in the kitchen area of the residence, Oxendine said, but the exact cause and circumstances of the fire remain under investigation.

Killed in the fire was Terrance Spatcher, 11. Other residents of the home, Willie Mae Doyle, 75, and Tyvone Spatcher, 14 managed to escape with the help of neighbors.

The fire call came in about 3:30 a.m. this morning. Doyle and Tyvone Spatcher were flown to Shand's Hospital in Gainesville, Florida. Both suffered heavy smoke inhalation and minor burns.

The house, located off of Highway 301, was destroyed.

Oxendine said investigators from his department are working with the Charlton County Volunteer Fire Department.

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