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HUDGENS: CAUSE OF FATAL FIRE IN MITCHELL COUNTY RULED UNDETERMINED

Atlanta, GA -- Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said fire investigators wouldn't be able to determine the exact cause of yesterday's fire in a home located at 3834 Drewery Road in Camilla that killed an elderly man.

Roy Williams, 82, who was confined to a hospital bed died in the fire that broke out about 2:45 p.m., Commissioner Hudgens said. Investigators from his office worked the fire scene with the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office and the Georgia Bureau of Investigations (GBI).

Due to the extensive damage to the structure caused by the fire, the exact origin and cause remain undetermined, Hudgens said. An autopsy performed this morning by the GBI determined that Williams died from smoke inhalation.