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**MAN INJURED IN OCONEE COUNTY HOUSE FIRE;
CAUSE RULE UNDETERMINED**

Atlanta –Investigators with Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens office have ruled a fire that destroyed a home and injured a man in Oconee County undetermined.

The fire, which occurred today around 9:27 a.m., at 1341 Malcolm Bridge Road in Bogart, caused an estimated loss of \$100,000. The owner of the home, Eddie Garrett, 48, was awakened by the blaze and sustained burns to his right arm. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

“This fire started in a workshop and spread into the home,” Commissioner Hudgens. “We cannot eliminate an electrical malfunction or careless smoking as the cause.”

Hudgens’ office was assisted in the investigation by the Oconee County Fire Department.

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