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HUDGENS: TWO ELDERLY WOMEN DIE IN LEE CO. HOUSE FIRE

Atlanta - Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said the cause of an early morning house fire in Lee County that claimed the lives of two elderly women was accidental.

Killed by the fire were Sarah Jenkins, 71, and her mother, Louvineia Stewart, 91. The fire which occurred today around 9:30 a.m. heavily damaged the home located at 378 Creekside Drive in Leesburg, Georgia.

A fire investigator with Hudgens' office determined that the fire originated near a sofa in the family room of the home. An electrical malfunction appears to have been the cause.

After escaping the blaze with her husband William Jenkins, 73, Sarah re-entered the home to rescue her mother, Hudgens said.

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