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OXENDINE: CHILDREN PLAYING WITH LIGHTER MAY HAVE STARTED CORDELE APARTMENT FIRE

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John W. Oxendine said today that a fire that injured four boys in Cordele was probably started by one of the victims playing with a lighter.

“A lighter was found at the scene, and we have reason to believe one or more of the boys were playing with fire,” Oxendine said.

Listed in critical condition are Demetrius Waters, 18 months old; Jakeveon Brown, two years; and Larry Bass, three. Deontaevious Stubbins, five, is listed as stable.

The fire call came in at 3:23 p.m. Sunday, Oxendine said. The affected unit was at 609 West 23rd Ave., Apartment C. All four children were taken to the Burn Center in Augusta with serious injuries.

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