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HUDGENS: TWIGGS COUNTY HOUSE FIRE KILLS ELDERLY COUPLE

Atlanta - Fire investigators with Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens' office have ruled a house fire that claimed two lives today in Twiggs County accidental.

Killed by the fire was Herschel S. Odom, 79 and his wife Elizabeth Odom, 75. The fire was reported this morning around 2:50 a.m. Their bodies have been sent to the State Crime Lab for autopsies.

Fire investigators determined that an electrical malfunction caused the blaze, but because of extensive damage to the structure, the exact cause will remain undetermined. The 64-year-old brick veneer home was located at 379 D. St., Jeffersonville, Georgia.

So far in 2015, 36 Georgians have died in residential fires.