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OXENDINE: GILMER COUNTY FATAL FIRE APPEARS ACCIDENTAL

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John W. Oxendine said a home fire early this morning that took the life of a Gilmer County man was apparently caused by an electrical problem.

Phillip Barry Shook, 44, died in the fire at 2928 Yukon Road, Ellijay. Shook's pregnant daughter Shelby suffered smoke inhalation; his wife Laura was at work at the time of the fire.

Oxendine said the home was a total loss, with damage estimated at \$55,000. The fire call came in at 1:50 a.m.

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