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Fatal House Fire

Madison, WI – February 20, 2025. At 10:15pm last night, Dane County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded with the Waunakee FD, Waunakee EMS and Waunakee Police Department, for a report of a structure fire in the 6300 Block of Meffert Road in the Town of Springfield.

A passerby called 911 after seeing visible flames coming from the rural home. Additional resources responded from Dane FD, Lodi FD, Arlington FD, Middleton FD, Madison FD, Cross Plains FD, Truax Field FD, Deforest Windsor FD, Union FD and Sun Prairie FD, along with MG&E and the Salvation Army. After several hours of searching today, a deceased person was located inside the remnants of the home. Dane County Sheriff's Office detectives, along with the Madison Area Fire Investigation Team (MAFIT) and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation are on scene to continue the fire investigation.

The Dane County Medical Examiner's Office will confirm the identity of the deceased after the person's family has been notified.

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