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## **Unclassified Death Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting an unclassified death investigation. The incident occurred on Monday, May 22, 2023.

Just before 7 PM, North Precinct officers were dispatched to the 4000 Block of Old Lewisburg Road on report of a House Fire.

Officers arrived on the scene along with Birmingham Fire and Rescue (BFR) personnel; officers observed a house engulfed in flames. BFR personnel extinguished the flames.

BFR personnel discovered a victim lying unresponsive in the house. BFR personnel pronounced the victim deceased.

A BFR fire investigator has ruled this fire Undetermined at this time. BPD is treating this fire fatality as suspicious activity.

BPD Homicide detectives will investigate. Detectives are looking into whether the house was abandoned or occupied.

The Jefferson County Coroner's Office took care and custody of the victim. The Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy to determine the victim's cause of death.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the BPD Homicide Unit @ (205) 254-1764 or remain anonymous and receive a cash reward by dialing Crime Stoppers @ (205) 254-7777.