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PRESS RELEASE

INVESTIGATION UPDATE

On June 18, 2023 at approximately 6:19 A.M. first responders were dispatched to 134 Mercer Street for an active structure fire. On scene, it was discovered that two individuals were still inside. A fifty-three year old female was on the second floor. She was rescued from the second floor and transported to St. Luke's Warren for medical attention. A thirty-two year old male was located on the first floor. The male victim was transported to St. Luke's Warren where he passed away on June 19, 2023. The cause of death was smoke inhalation and thermal injuries.

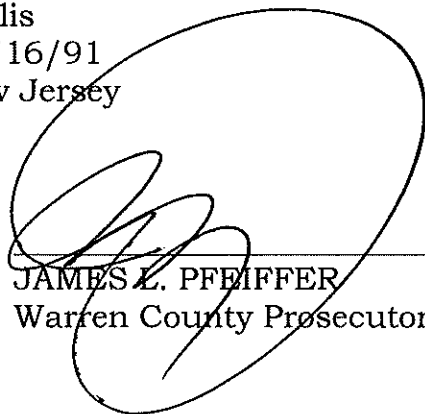
Preliminary investigation indicates that the fire began in a first floor bedroom. The cause of the fire is undetermined however, the source is thought to be electrical in nature at this time. The fire remains under investigation but does not appear suspicious.

The victim is identified as:

Peace Mazelis
Date of Birth 1/16/91
Phillipsburg, New Jersey

Approved by:

Dated: June 23, 2023



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