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IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE UPDATE

TYPE; Fatal Mobile Home Fire

DATE OF RELEASE: November 28, 2016

DATE AND TIME OCCURRED: November 25, 2016, 0640 AM

LOCATION: 5360 South St, Rapid City, Mi.

Victim: Carl Francis Brant W/M 12/10/1960

INFORMATION: Sheriff Pat Whiteford reports that a Station 5, Station 7, South Torch Lake Fire Departments and Kalkaska Sheriff's Deputies responded to a fully engulfed structure fire at 5360 South St, Rapid City. Upon extinguishing the fire, the body of what is believed to be that of a 55yoa male resident was found in the mobile home. MSP Fire Investigation Unit was called to the scene to help determine the cause of the fire. The cause is undetermined at this time pending further investigation, however from the information on scene it was learned that the furnace appeared not to be working properly and an alternative heat source was being used. The name of the deceased is being withheld pending the notification of Next of Kin and confirmation of identity.

UPDATE: The Michigan State Police Fire Investigation Unit is still investigating the cause of the fire and it will remain undetermined until the investigation is complete. The male victim in the residence is presumed to be Carl Francis Brant and his immediate family was notified. The victims' remains have been sent for an autopsy to obtain positive identification and cause of death.

STATUS: OPEN PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND AUTOPSY RESULTS

APPROVED BY;

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SHERIFF PATRICK WHITEFORD