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IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE

TYPE: Fatal Mobile Home Fire

DATE OF RELEASE: November 25, 2016

DATE OCCURRED: November 25, 2016

LOCATION: 5360 South St, Rapid City, MI

VICTIM: Withheld pending notification of next of kin

INFORMATION: Sheriff Pat Whiteford reports that Clearwater Township, Kalkaska Township and South Torch Lake Fire Departments, Kalkaska EMS and Kalkaska Sheriff Deputies responded to a fully involved structure fire at 5360 South St. in Rapid City. Upon extinguishing the fire, the body of what is believed to be a 55 year old 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 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.

STATUS: OPEN PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND IDENTIFICATION

APPROVED BY:

SHERIFF PATRICK WHITEFORD