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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Date: 11/03/2014

Complaint Number: 13-148506

Type of Incident: Fatal House Fire

Supervisor Approval:

Reporting Officer: Detective Haverkamp

Narrative:

On 11/02/2014 at approximately 2246hours the Kent County Sheriff's Department investigated a fatal house fire at the address of 485 S. Amber Dr. SE in Gaines Township. A neighbor had noticed flames coming from an adjacent trailer and contacted 911. When Deputies arrived they were provided with information that there may be a handicap male subject still in the home. Deputies attempted to gain access to the male and were turned away by the smoke and heat. A short time later Cuttlerville Fire Fighters made entry into the home engulfed in flames and removed 60 year old Joseph Feyen. EMS Paramedics attempted to revive the victim without success and he was pronounced dead on scene.

The Michigan State Police Fire Investigation Team was present on scene and conducting an investigation as to the cause of the fire. At this time a determination as to the cause of the fire is not known. This fire remains under investigation by The Kent County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police Fire Marshall.

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