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House Fire Fatality

On April 23, 2017, at approximately 3:50 am the Weld County Sheriff's Office responded to the 39000 block of WCR 68 in Briggsdale to a report of a house fire.

An elderly male and female were in the house when it caught on fire. The female was able to escape the house and call 911. The male stayed inside to try put the fire out using a fire extinguisher as the fire was contained to the living room at that time.

At about 4:10 am responders were informed that the house was fully engulfed in flame; responders had not yet arrived on scene and the male was still inside the house. The 68 year old male who was attempting to put the fire out died as a result of the incident.

The Weld County Sheriff's Office is investigating the cause of the fire.

The names of the individuals involved will not be released at this time. The name of the deceased will be released by the Weld County Coroner's Office at the conclusion of their investigative and administrative process.

No further information will be released at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime is asked to call the Weld County Sheriff's Office at 970-356-4015 or Northern Colorado Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or 1-800-444-3776**. **Tips can also be submitted through the Crime Stoppers website at www.crimeshurt.com**. **Those submitting tips through Crime Stoppers that lead to the arrest and filing of charges on a suspect(s) may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000 from Crime Stoppers.**

Steve Reams – Sheriff