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One dead in early afternoon fire

Silverdale, Wash. -- Reports of heavy smoke and flames in the early afternoon sent engine, medic and tender units from Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue to a residential fire at 9565 NW Klahowya Trail, located in Central Kitsap approximately five miles west of Silverdale.

After fighting to gain control of the inferno, and while subsequently extinguishing the conflagration, firefighters discovered the body of a person on the floor of the living room inside what was left of the structure. No other persons have been located inside the charred, two-storey house.

The fire was reported at 2:20 p.m. by a relative of the homeowner who had first attempted to enter the residence to check for occupants. He was driven back by flames and smoke.

Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives, in conjunction with the Kitsap County Fire Marshal, are conducting an investigation into the cause of the fire. The Kitsap County Coroner's Office is conducting a parallel investigation to confirm the identity of the remains and determine cause and manner of death.

At this point the sheriff's office is conducting an investigation into the unattended death of a person not yet identified. An autopsy by the county's forensic pathologist will be scheduled. Once identity of the person is confirmed and family members notified, the name may be made available for release to the public.

Persons who may have witnessed this fire or who have information about the fire are asked to contact Detective Tim Keeler at (360) 337-4825.

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