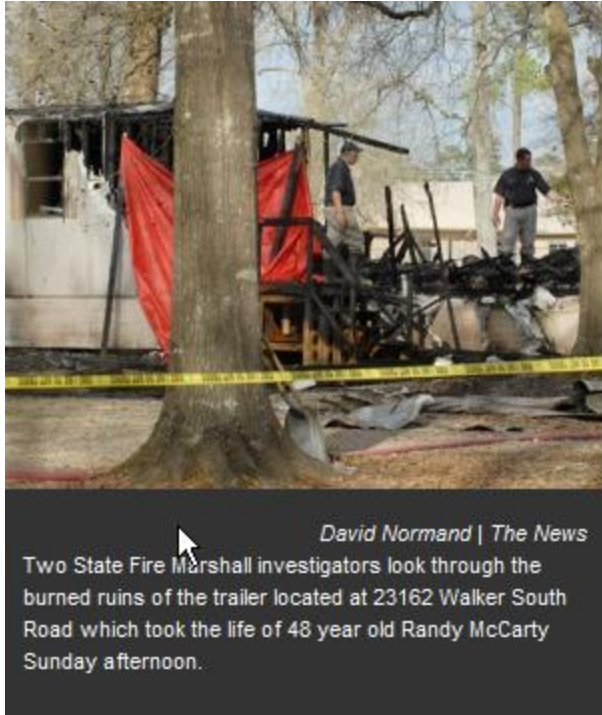


Fatal fire under investigation

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WALKER- A 48-year old man died Sunday in a home fire south of Walker, according to the State Fire Marshal's office.

Randy McCarty was in his mobile home at 23162 Walker South Road at the time it caught fire, around 2 p.m., according to Fire Protection District 4 Chief James Wascom.

McCarty's body was found seated in the living room, Wascom said.

Investigators found no obvious cause for the fire and do not yet have enough information to explain why McCarty did not leave the burning trailer, Wascom said.

Officials will continue searching for evidence to help explain how the death occurred, Wascom said.

An autopsy is part of that investigation, Wascom said.

An arson detection K-9 did not detect ignitable liquids, according to a state Fire Marshal's press release.

A passer-by called Emergency 911 Sunday afternoon to report the fire, and FPD4 trucks arrived seven minutes later, according to the Fire Marshal's Office.

The fire started at the south end of the trailer, where the front bedroom was, Wascom said.

The home had no working smoke alarms, according to the release.

The mobile home was "actively burning" when the five fire trucks arrived. About 16 firefighters extinguished the flames in 10 to 15 minutes, Wascom said.

Everything inside was burned, Wascom said.

Randy McCarty lived with his older brother, George, who owned the trailer, Wascom said.

George McCarty was not at home when the fire started, Wascom said.