DFS DIFS Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations ACISS Case Master Report 15-3174

Date Initiated 11/29/2015

Primary Information

Agency:

BFAI

Region:

Central

Office:

Daytona Beach [Orlando]

Lead LEO:

Ruland, Jeffrey (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Type Of Case:

Fire

Case Sub Type:

VEHICLE

Case Description:

40 Kentucky Ave. (Single Family Residence/Fatality)

Total Time:

25:00

Authorized Operators

Name

Ruland, Jennifer (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Campina, Cynthia (Orlando / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Bowling-Hitchcock, Amelia (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Case Status

Case Status:

Closed

Case Status Date:

03/29/2016

Disposition Code:

Exceptionally Cleared

Disposition Date:

03/29/2016

Dissemination:

Yes

Released to:

Released by:

Date of Release:

Bureau of Fire & Arson Investigation

Division of State Fire Marshal

ACISS Primary Investigation 15-3174

Report Date: 11/29/2015

Primary Information

Description:

40 Kentucky Ave. (Fatality)

Occurence From:

11/28/2015 20:44

Occurence To:

11/28/2015 20:44

Shift:

Evening: 15:01 - 23:00

Reporting LEO:

Ruland, Jeffrey (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Mileage:

Approval Status:

Approved

Approved Date:

03/29/2016

Approved By:

Paterson, Paul D. (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Discovered/Reported:

Reported

Reason:

DETERMINE ORIGIN AND CAUSE

Requester:

Flagler County Division of Fire Service FCDFS

Cause Of Fire:

UNDETERMINED

Injuries/Fatalities:

Fatalities

Response Information

Time Call Received:

11/28/2015 21:51

Time Dispatched:

11/28/2015 21:55

Time Arrived: Time Completed: 11/28/2015 23:00 11/29/2015 04:00

Arrival On Call:

Yes

Smoke Detectors:

No

Property Information

Property Description:

40 Kentucky Ave (single Family Residence)

Property Use:

Residential-Single Family Dwelling(Year-Round Use)

Mobile:

No

Single/Multi Story:

Single Story

Square Footage:

2000 Yes

Occupied: Abandoned:

No

Estimated Value:

\$85,000.00

Estimated Loss:

\$85,000.00

Type Of Insurance:

Individual Ins. Policy

Physical Evidence Information

Photo:

Yes

Sketch:

Yes

Debris:

Yes

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Physical Evidence Information - Continued

Latent Prints:

No

Impression:

No

Documents:

No

Other Evidence:

Yes

Lab Used:

Bureau of Forensic Fire and Explosive Analysis SFM

Description/Collection From

Digital Photographs taken of fire scene

Q1-Burn debris recovered from back bathroom near east wall

.22 caliber rifle recovered from near victim collected by Flagler County Sheriff's Office

Fire Origin Information

Area/Origin

Bathroom/Lavatory, locker rm, sauna, porta pots

Description

back bathroom near east wall

Agency Reference Numbers

Agency

Flagler County Division of Fire Service FCDFS

Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations

Flagler County Sheriff's Office FCSO Disctrict Twenty Three Medical Examiner's Office Case/File Number 2015-00014173

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Insurance Information

Property Coverage:

\$146,000.00

Contents Coverage:

\$36,500.00

Insured:

Clayton, Amy Louisa

Policy Number:

01498052

Effective Date:

10/12/2015 00:00 10/12/2016 00:00

Expiration Date:

Insurance Company:

CITIZENS

Comments:

ISO cearch does not show claim paid

Synopsis

On November 28, 2015 at approximately 2151 hours, the Flagler County Fire Department (FCFD) requested the investigative assistance of the State Fire Marshal's Office at a structure fire located at 40 Kentucky Avenue, Bunnell, Florida, I responded to investigate the origin and cause of the fire. The fire department related the residence was occupied at the time of fire and there was a fatality. Lt. Campina and Detective Hitchcock were notified in reference to the fatality. Upon arrival I made contact with fire officials from Flagler County Fire Department and detectives from Flagler County sheriff's Office (FCSO). Flagler County Fire Marshal Joe King indicated that after the fire was extinguished they located a body sitting on the couch in the living room. He indicated that there were two small children in the home but they were able to escape without injury.

Based on the fire scene investigation, physical evidence, and witness statements it has been determined that this fire has been

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classified as undetermined. Examination of the burn patterns and gradient levels of damage revealed the fire originated in the back section of the home near the bathroom wall but no source of ignition could be determined. Based on the Medical Examiner's Report Kevin Clayton died from a gunshot wound to the head. It appears that Kevin Clayton started the fire and then took his own life.

Address #1 - FIRE SCENE #1 - 40 Kentucky Ave

Primary Information

Address:

40 Kentucky Ave, Bunnell, Florida 32110, United States of America

Description:

Single story wood frame residence

Office:

Daytona Beach [Orlando]

Region:

Central

Subject #1 - Owner #1 - Clayton, Amy Louisa

Primary Information

Race:

WHITE

Record Type:

PERSON

Subject Name:

Clayton, Amy Louisa

Sex:

FEMALE

Birth Date:

11/15/1973

Age:

42 YEAR(S)

Juvenile:

No

Place Of Birth State:

Florida

Place Of Birth Country:

United States of America

Residence Status:

PERMANENT

Residence Type:

COUNTY

Personal Information

US Citizen:

Yes

Photo:

Yes

Deceased:

No

Subject #2 - Owner/Fatality #1 - Clayton, Kevin Lee

Primary Information

Race:

WHITE

Record Type:

PERSON

Subject Name:

Clayton, Kevin Lee

Sex:

MALE

No

Birth Date:

04/08/1974

Age: Juvenile: 41 YEAR(S)

Place Of Birth State:

Georgia

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Subject #2 - Owner/Fatality #1 - Clayton, Kevin Lee - Continued

Primary Information - Continued

Place Of Birth Country:

United States of America

Residence Status:

PERMANENT

Residence Type:

COUNTY

Relationship Information

Victim Type:

CIVILIAN

Extent Of Injury:

FATALITY OTHER

Personal Information

US Citizen:

Yes

Photo: Deceased:

Yes Yes

Date Deceased:

11/28/2015 00:00

Property #1 - Q1-Burn debris

Primary Information

Property Class:

EVIDENCE

Property Type:

BURN DEBRIS

Description:

Q1-Burn debris

Property Status:

LAB-SFM

Status Date: Quantity: 02/26/2016

Submitted To PES:

1 Yes

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Remarks:

Q1-Burn debris collected from back bathroom east side wall

Location Found:

Back bathroom east side wall

Collected Date/Time:

11/29/2015 02:20

Record Status Information

Record Origination Operator:

Ruland, Jeffrey (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Record Origination Date:

11/29/2015 02:50

Last Update Operator:

Paterson, Paul D. (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Last Update Date:

03/29/2016 12:28

Reporting LEO	Date	Supervisor	Date
Ruland, Jeffrey (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)		Paterson, Paul D. (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)	7/19/2016 / //
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Bureau of Fire & Arson Investigation

Bureau of Fire and Division of State Fire Marshal

State of Florida Department of Financial Services Division of State Fire Marshal Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations Investigative Report

CASE NUMBER:

15-3174

SYNOPSIS:

On November 28, 2015 at approximately 2151 hours, the Flagler County Fire Department (FCFD) requested the investigative assistance of the State Fire Marshal's Office at a structure fire located at 40 Kentucky Avenue, Bunnell, Florida. I responded to investigate the origin and cause of the fire. The fire department related the residence was occupied at the time of fire and there was a fatality. Lt. Campina and Detective Hitchcock were notified in reference to the fatality. Upon arrival I made contact with fire officials from Flagler County Fire Department and detectives from Flagler County sheriff's Office (FCSO). Flagler County Fire Marshal Joe King indicated that after the fire was extinguished they located a body sitting on the couch in the living room. He indicated that there were two small children in the home but they were able to escape without injury.

The actions of The Flagler County Fire Department are reflected in case 2015-000014173

The actions of The Flagler County Sheriff's Office are reflected in case 118734-15

The actions of the District 23 Medical Examiner's Office are reflected in Case 15-23-375

The weather was clear and cool and did not contribute to this fire.

SCENE DESCRIPTION:

The fire occurred to a one-story wood frame structure with Hardy board siding and an asphalt composition shingle roof. The residence was built in 1985 and is approximately 1723 square feet. The residence consisted of three bedrooms, two bathroom, living room, family room, dining room, kitchen and office. The front door of the home faces east and is approximately 40 feet from the roadway. The electric to the home is supplied to the south side of the home from an overhead service. The home is located in a neighborhood of similar style homes. Released to:

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FIRE SCENE EXAMINATION:

During the fire scene examination documentation was completed using a digital camera.

Using a systematic approach I began an examination of the exterior of the home starting at the front (east side) of the home and working in a clockwise motion. The examination revealed moderate to heavy smoke and fire related damage to the east side of the home with fire venting through the gable and roof. Closer Examination revealed the fire vented through the front door and windows on the east side of the building. Examination of the south side of the building revealed heavy fire related damage to the roof on the west side and fire venting through the window on the west side. There is also fire related damage to the siding on the south side of the building closer to the west side around the window down approximately 2-3 feet from the roof line. Examination of the back section of the home revealed heavy to severe fire related damage with the breezeway, connecting the front section of the home to the back section, sustaining almost complete combustion. The siding on the back section of the home sustained heavy to severe fire related damage with the heaviest damage towards the front of the building closest to the breezeway. The roof trusses on the back section of the home sustained complete combustion causing the roof to collapse. Examination of the west side of the home revealed moderate to extensive fire related damage with the heaviest damage occurring to the roof of the building with the trusses and roof sustaining complete combustion and fire venting through the sliding glass doors and window. Examination of the north side of the building revealed moderate to severe fire related damage with the roof sustaining complete combustion, fire venting through the windows and fire related damage to the siding approximately 3-5 feet down from the gable. Examination of the east side of the back section of the building revealed heavy to severe fire related damage with the roof trusses sustaining complete combustion, the fire venting through the windows, and the wall studs and siding sustaining near complete combustion. Examination of the north side of the front section of the building revealed moderate to severe fire related damage with the fire venting through the windows and fire related damage around the windows and near the roof gable. Closer examination of the front section of the building revealed complete combustion of the roof trusses over the living room, kitchen and the west side of the building. The roof trusses over the breezeway and entire back section of the home sustained complete combustion. A motor home parked in the driveway on the north side of the home sustained heavy fire exposure damage on the side closest to the home. Examination of the electric service did not show any evidence of having contributed to the fire.

Examination of the interior of the home starting at the front door revealed heavy to severe fire related damage to the living room with the heaviest damage near the ceiling. Closer examination revealed heavy charring of the roof trusses and complete combustion of the drywall and heavy charring of the wall studs on the west side of the room and combustion of most of the drywall on the north and east side of the room. Additional examination revealed heavy fire damage to the furniture in the room with complete combustion of the fabric and charring of the wood frame of the couch and chairs and heavy charring of the wood coffee table and end tables in the living roomleased to:

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The deceased body was located in the living room on the couch near the south wall of the room. The body was sitting in an upright position facing the south wall of the home. A rifle was found lying in the deceased's lap with the barrel pointing towards the west. The District Twenty Three Medical Examiner's Office was contacted to remove the body and deliver it to the Medical Examiner's Office. The body was left undisturbed until investigators from the Medical Examiner's Office arrived on scene.

Further examination of the interior revealed heavy smoke and heavy to severe fire related damage to the kitchen and hallway. There was charring to the top of the doors, door frames and wall studs closer to the ceiling. Further examination revealed heavy smoke and fire related damage to the bedrooms and bathroom. Closer examination revealed the heaviest fire related damage to the ceiling and roof with the roof and trusses sustaining complete combustion and collapsing from the center of the home towards the back (west) of the home. Examination of the remaining portion of the roof trusses revealed the heaviest charring was to the top side on the bottom beam of the trusses.

Examination of the interior of the back section of the home revealed heavy to severe fire related damage to the breezeway, family room, bathroom and bedroom. The roof trusses and roof sustained complete combustion throughout the entire back section of the home causing the roof to collapse. The interior wall covering throughout the entire back section also sustained complete combustion and the wall studs sustained heavy charring with the heaviest damage closer to the front (east side) of the home. A debris pile located near the south east corner of the back section of the house was layered and sifted uncovering the remains of the toilet and bathroom sink. The rest of the debris was layered and sifted and the bottom plate of the bathroom wall was uncovered indicating the wall covering, door, and wall studs for the bathroom wall sustained complete combustion. Closer examination of the remaining bottom plate of the wall revealed heavy charring on the east side of the bottom plate.

Detective Hitchcock used canine "Penzy" to conduct a search of the area of origin for ignitable liquids.

The District Twenty Three Medical Examiner's Office Investigator arrived on scene. The body sustained too much fire and thermal related damage and could not be positively identified. The body was removed and delivered to the Medical Examiner's Office for identification and autopsy.

Examination of the burn patterns and gradient levels of damage indicate the fire originated in the back section of the home near the bathroom wall.

A sample of burn debris was collected from the area of origin a sent to the SFM Lab for Released to: New Arson Investigation

Bureau of Fire & Arson Investigation analysis.

LATENT INVESTIGATION:

In his statement the next door neighbor indicated that and came over to his house at approximately 2030 hours and told him that their house was on fire and they could not wake up their father. He stated that told him that they were asleep on the couch and he heard a "pop" and when he opened his eyes the house was full of smoke. He stated that. told him that he woke up his brother put a blanket over his head and lead him out of the house. He also stated that his wife called 911 and he went over and tried to go into the house and search for Kevin Clayton, but was only able to get about fifteen feet inside the door before he could not breath from the smoke. He stated that Kevin Clayton had been depressed because he and his wife had separated recently.

Dr. Predrag Bulic of the District Twenty Three Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy of Kevin Clayton on December 01, 2015. In his report Dr. Bulic indicated that the deceased sustained a perforating gunshot wound to the head. He indicated the projectile entered the right temple traveled through the right and left cerebral hemispheres and exited the left temporal scalp and the projectile was not recovered. Dr. Bulic also indicated there were charring and 4th Degree burns over 90% the body. He indicated the Carboxyhemoglobin was at 36% saturation and there was soot and froth in the larynx, trachea and bronchi. The toxicology report indicated that the deceased Blood Alcohol Level was at 0212%. Dr. Bulic determined the cause of death to be Gunshot wound of the head and the manner of death to be suicide.

LAB RESULTS:

Bureau of Forensic Fire and Explosives Analysis Lab Report determined that there was no ignitable liquid detected in sample Q1.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the fire scene investigation, physical evidence, and witness statements it has been determined that this fire has been classified as undetermined. Examination of the burn patterns and gradient levels of damage revealed the fire originated in the back section of the home near the bathroom wall but no source of ignition could be determined. Based on the Medical Examiner's Report Kevin Clayton died from a gunshot wound to the head. It appears that Kevin Clayton started the fire and then took his own life.

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STATUS:

I recommend that this case be closed.

ACISS Canine Assist 15-3174/1

Report Date: 11/30/2015

Primary Information

Description:

canine supplement

Reporting LEO:

Bowling-Hitchcock, Amelia (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Mileage:

Approval Status:

Approved

Approved Date:

12/07/2015

Approved By:

Paterson, Paul D. (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Cause Of Fire:

NOT APPLICABLE

Injuries/Fatalities:

Fatalities

Address #1 - FIRE SCENE #1 - 40 Kentucky Ave

Primary Information

Address:

40 Kentucky Ave, Bunnell, Florida 32110, United States of America

Description:

Single story wood frame residence

Office:

Daytona Beach [Orlando]

Region:

Central

Subject #1 - Owner/Fatality #1 - Clayton, Kevin Lee

Primary Information

Race:

WHITE

Record Type:

PERSON

Subject Name:

Clayton, Kevin Lee

Sex:

MALE

Birth Date:

04/08/1974

Age:

41 YEAR(S)

Juvenile:

No

Place Of Birth State:

Georgia

Place Of Birth Country:

United States of America

Residence Status:

PERMANENT

Residence Type:

COUNTY

Relationship Information

Victim Type:

CIVILIAN

Extent Of Injury:

FATALITY FIRE

Personal Information

US Citizen:

Yes

Photo:

Yes Yes

Deceased: Date Deceased:

11/28/2015 00:00

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Report Date: 11/30/2015

Record	Status	Information

Record Origination Operator:

Bowling-Hitchcock, Amelia (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Record Origination Date:

11/30/2015 16:28

Last Update Operator:

Paterson, Paul D. (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Last Update Date:

12/07/2015 10:14

Date	Supervisor	Date
	Paterson, Paul D. (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)	7/19/2016
	Date	Paterson, Paul D. (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson

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Department of Financial Services
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Canine Supplement
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On November 29, 2015 Detective Ruland requested the assistance of K-9 at the scene of a structure located at 40 Kentucky Avenue Bunnell Florida. The fire involved one civilian fatality. Upon arrival the facts and circumstances were discussed. A safety check was conducted prior to K-9 Penzy entering the structure. K-9 Penzy gave an alert in the area of the bathroom where the exterior walls were destroyed by the fire. Detective Ruland was advised of the alert. No further action was taken.

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ACISS Homicide or Death 15-3174/2

Report Date: 03/23/2016

Primary Information

Description:

Death Investigation (Kevin Clayton)

Occurence From:

11/28/2015 20:44

Occurence To:

11/28/2015 20:44

Reporting LEO:

Ruland, Jeffrey (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Approval Status:

Approved

Approved Date:

03/29/2016

Approved By:

Paterson, Paul D. (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Agency Reference Numbers

Agency

Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations

Case/File Number

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Flagler County Sheriff's Office FCSO

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Disctrict Twenty Three Medical Examiner's Office

15-23-375

Homicide Information

Homicide:

No

Possible Manner Of Death:

Self Inflicted Gun shot wound to the head

Exact Location Of Death:

Living room on couch

Possible Date Of Death:

11/28/2015 8:30:00 PM

Found Dead Date:

11/28/2015 8:40:00 PM

Pronounced Dead By: Pronounced Dead Date: Flagler County Paramedics

11/28/2015 21:00

Pronounced Dead Location:

At scene

Medical Examiner:

Bulic

Body Disposition:

Released to Next of Kin by ME Office

Next Of Kin:

Wife Yes

Next Of Kin Notified:

Alcoholic:

Yes

Alcohol Intoxicated:

Yes

Drug Addict:

Unknown

Drug Intoxicated:

No

Address #1 - FIRE SCENE #1 - 40 Kentucky Ave

Primary Information

Address:

40 Kentucky Ave, Bunnell, Florida 32110, United States of America

Description:

Single story wood frame residence

Office:

Daytona Beach [Orlando]

Region:

Central

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Report Date: 03/23/2016

Subject #	1 - Owner	*#1 - C	layton,	Amy	Louisa
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Primary Information Race:

WHITE

Record Type:

PERSON

Subject Name:

Clayton, Amy Louisa

Sex:

FEMALE

Birth Date:

11/15/1973

Age:

42 YEAR(S)

Juvenile:

No

Place Of Birth State:

Florida

Place Of Birth Country:

United States of America

Residence Status:

PERMANENT

Residence Type:

COUNTY

Personal Information

US Citizen:

Yes

Photo:

Yes

Deceased:

No

Subject #2 - Owner/Fatality #1 - Clayton, Kevin Lee

Primary Information

Race:

WHITE

Record Type:

PERSON

Subject Name:

Clayton, Kevin Lee

Sex:

MALE

Birth Date:

04/08/1974 41 YEAR(S)

Age: Juvenile:

No

Place Of Birth State:

Georgia

Place Of Birth Country:

United States of America

Residence Status:

PERMANENT

Residence Type:

COUNTY

Personal Information

US Citizen:

Yes

Photo: Deceased: Yes Yes

Date Deceased:

11/28/2015 00:00

Record Status Information

Record Origination Operator:

Ruland, Jeffrey (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

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Report Date: 03/23/2016

Record Status Information - Continued

Record Origination Date:

03/23/2016 11:54

Last Update Operator:

Paterson, Paul D. (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)

Last Update Date:

03/29/2016 12:18

Reporting LEO	Date	Supervisor	Date
Ruland, Jeffrey (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)		Paterson, Paul D. (Daytona Beach [Orlando] / Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations)	7/19/2016