



DFS Division of Investigative & Forensic Services

Case Master Report **BFAEI20-1200**

Date Initiated 05/04/2020

Warning

Contains entities exempt from disclosure

Primary Information

Division: **DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIVE & FORENSIC SERVICES**
Bureau: **BUREAU OF FIRE, ARSON & EXPLOSIVES INVESTIGATIONS**
Region: **Northeast**
Squad/Office: **Jacksonville 1**
Lead LEO: **Baker, Jerry (00024 / Jacksonville 1 / Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Inv.)**
Backup LEO: **Young, David (00029 / Jacksonville 2 / DIFS Bureau of Fire Arson Explosives Investigation)**
Type Of Case: **BFAEI Fire**
Case Sub Type: **STRUCTURE**
Case Description: **96119 Long Island Place, Fernandina/ House fire**
Total Time: **42:00**

Case Status

Case Status: **CLOSED**
Case Status Date: **06/02/2020**
Disposition Code: **Fire - Accidental**
Disposition Date: **06/02/2020**
Dissemination: **System Wide**



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Case Origination - BFAEI BFAEI20-1200

Report Date: 05/04/2020

Primary Information

Description: 96119 Long Island Place, Fernandina/ House fire
Occurrence From: 05/04/2020 15:36
Occurrence To: 05/04/2020 21:00
Shift: Evening: 15:01 - 23:00
Reporting LEO: Baker, Jerry (00024 / Jacksonville 1 / Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Inv.)
Backup LEO: Young, David (00029 / Jacksonville 2 / DIFS Bureau of Fire Arson Explosives Investigation)
Report Status: Approved
Report Status Date: 05/05/2020
Approved By: Pietrafesa, Joseph (00097 / DIFS Bureau of Fire Arson Explosives Investigation)
Discovered/Reported: Reported
Reason: DETERMINE ORIGIN AND CAUSE
Requester: NASSAU COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE
Injuries/Fatalities: None

Response Information

Time Call Received: 05/04/2020 16:20
Time Dispatched: 05/04/2020 16:35
Time Arrived: 05/04/2020 17:15
Time Completed: 05/04/2020 21:00
Arrival On Call: Yes

Property Information

Smoke Detectors: Yes

Agency Reference Numbers

Agency	Case/File Number
Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Inv.	DFS220OFF000342
Nassau County Fire Department	2020-3119

Synopsis

On 05/04/20 at approximately 1536 hours the Nassau County Fire/Rescue responded to a residential structure fire located at 96119 [REDACTED], Fernandina, Florida. Upon arrival Nassau County Fire/Rescue personnel found all of the occupants to be out of the involved residential structure. Nassau County Fire/Rescue personnel found the majority of the fire to be within the kitchen and the dining area of the involved residence.

Occupants advised Nassau County Fire/Rescue personnel that a 17-year-old occupant of the involved residence was cooking and left a burner on with a pot of hot grease unattended. The occupants advised that they were made aware of the fire by smoke detectors within the involved residence.

The owner of the involved residence advised Nassau County Fire/Rescue personnel that he, the owner served the occupants with an eviction notice on today's date and he felt the fire was suspicious. Due to this information, Nassau County Fire/Rescue personnel requested the investigative assistance of the Florida Division of Investigative and Forensic Services, Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investigations.



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The actions of the Nassau County Fire/Rescue related to this incident are detailed in their incident report number, 2020-3119. A copy of this report will be obtained and added to this case file.

Address #1 - FIRE SCENE #1 - 96119 [REDACTED]

Primary Information

Address: 96119 [REDACTED], Fernandina, FLORIDA 32034 United States of America

Office: Jacksonville

Region: Northeast

Subjects

Relationship	Name	Bio	DOB
HOME/LOCAL	Scarlett, Ashley Brooke (PERSON)	36 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]

Subject #1 - OCCUPANT/VICTIM #1 - Scarlett, Ashley Brooke

Primary Information

Subject Name: Scarlett, Ashley Brooke
Record Type: PERSON
Bio: 36 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE
Birth Date: [REDACTED]
Juvenile: No
Place Of Birth: Florida
Place Of Birth State: FLORIDA
Place Of Birth Country: United States of America
Residence Status: PERMANENT
Residence Type: COUNTY

Relationship Information

Victim Rights Provided: NO
Exempt From Disclosure: No

Personal Information

US Citizen: Yes
Citizenship Country: United States of America
Photo: Yes
Deceased: No

Addresses

Relationship	Address
HOME/LOCAL	96119 [REDACTED], Fernandina, FLORIDA 32034 United States of America

Identifications

ID Type	Number	State	Country	As Of Date	Fictitious	Comment
Drivers License	[REDACTED]	FLORIDA	---	---	No	---



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Subject #1 - OCCUPANT/VICTIM #1 - Scarlett, Ashley Brooke - Continued

Identifications - Continued

<u>ID Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>As Of Date</u>	<u>Fictitious</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Social Security	██████████	---	United States of America	---	No	---



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Primary Information

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Reporting LEO: Baker, Jerry (00024 / Jacksonville 1 / Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Inv.)
Report Status: Approved
Report Status Date: 06/02/2020
Approved By: Pietrafesa, Joseph (00097 / DIFS Bureau of Fire Arson Explosives Investigation)
Cause Of Fire: ACCIDENTAL
Injuries/Fatalities: None

Property Information

Property Description: Single story residence
Property Use: Residential-Single Family Dwelling(Year-Round Use)
Mobile: No
Single/Multi Story: Single Story
Square Footage: 2620
Occupied: Yes
Abandoned: No
Estimated Value: \$200,000.00
Estimated Loss: \$50,000.00
Type Of Insurance: Ins. Type Not Reported

Physical Evidence Information

Photo: Yes
Sketch: Yes
Debris: No
Latent Prints: No
Impression: No
Documents: No
Other Evidence: No

Fire Origin Information

Area/Origin	Description
Kitchen, cooking area, stove, range, etc.	Range top

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Agency	Case/File Number
Alachua County Sheriff's Office ACSO	DFS220OFF000342



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<u>Agency</u> Nassau County Fire Department	<u>Case/File Number</u> 2020-3119
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Address #1 - FIRE SCENE #1 - 96119 Long Island Place

Primary Information

Address: 96119 [REDACTED], Fernandina, FLORIDA 32034 United States of America
Office: Jacksonville
Region: Northeast

Subjects

<u>Relationship</u> HOME/LOCAL	<u>Name</u> Scarlett, Ashley Brooke (PERSON)	<u>Bio</u> 36 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	<u>DOB</u> [REDACTED]
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Subject #1 - Occupant #1 - Moore, Leasa Cross

Primary Information

Subject Name: Moore, Leasa Cross
Record Type: PERSON
Bio: 60 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE
Birth Date: [REDACTED]
Juvenile: No
Place Of Birth City: Albany
Place Of Birth State: GEORGIA
Place Of Birth Country: United States of America

Personal Information

US Citizen: Yes
Photo: Yes

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u> HOME/LOCAL	<u>Address</u> 96119 [REDACTED], Fernandina, FLORIDA 32034 United States of America
<u>Relationship</u> PRIOR LOCAL/HOME	<u>Address</u> 85155 [REDACTED], FLORIDA 32097 United States of America

Subjects

<u>Relationship</u> CHILD	<u>Name</u> Morgan, Jade Mackenzie (PERSON)	<u>Bio</u> 17 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	<u>DOB</u> [REDACTED]
<u>Relationship</u> CHILD	<u>Name</u> Scarlett, Ashley Brooke (PERSON)	<u>Bio</u> 36 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	<u>DOB</u> [REDACTED]

Identifications

<u>ID Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>As Of Date</u>	<u>Fictitious</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Drivers License	[REDACTED] 0	FLORIDA	United States of America	3/2/2012	No	Valid
Social Security	[REDACTED]	---	United States of America	---	Unknown	---



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Subject #2 - Occupant #2 - Morgan, Jade Mackenzie

Primary Information

Exempt From Disclosure: YES
Subject Name: Morgan, Jade Mackenzie
Record Type: PERSON
Bio: 17 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE
Birth Date: [REDACTED]
Juvenile: Yes
Place Of Birth: Lowndes County
Place Of Birth City: Valdosta
Place Of Birth State: GEORGIA
Place Of Birth Country: United States of America
Residence Status: PERMANENT

Personal Information

US Citizen: Yes
Photo: Yes

Addresses

Relationship	Address
HOME/LOCAL	96119 [REDACTED] Fernandina, FLORIDA 32034 United States of America
PRIOR LOCAL/HOME	85155 [REDACTED], FLORIDA 32097 United States of America

Subjects

Relationship	Name	Bio	DOB
PARENT	Moore, Leasa Cross (PERSON)	60 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]
SISTER	Scarlett, Ashley Brooke (PERSON)	36 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]

Identifications

ID Type	Number	State	Country	As Of Date	Fictitious	Comment
Drivers License	[REDACTED] 0	FLORIDA	United States of America	2/27/2020	No	Valid
Social Security	[REDACTED]	---	---	---	Unknown	---

Subject #3 - OCCUPANT/VICTIM #1 - Scarlett, Ashley Brooke

Primary Information

Subject Name: Scarlett, Ashley Brooke
Record Type: PERSON
Bio: 36 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE
Birth Date: [REDACTED]
Juvenile: No
Place Of Birth: Florida
Place Of Birth State: FLORIDA
Place Of Birth Country: United States of America



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Subject #3 - OCCUPANT/VICTIM #1 - Scarlett, Ashley Brooke - Continued

Primary Information - Continued

Residence Status: **PERMANENT**

Residence Type: **COUNTY**

Personal Information

US Citizen: **Yes**

Citizenship Country: **United States of America**

Photo: **Yes**

Deceased: **No**

Addresses

Relationship	Address
HOME/LOCAL	96119 [REDACTED], Fernandina, FLORIDA 32034 United States of America

Identifications

ID Type	Number	State	Country	As Of Date	Fictitious	Comment
Drivers License	[REDACTED]	FLORIDA	---	---	No	---
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Social Security	[REDACTED]	---	United States of America	---	No	---

Subject #4 - Owner #1 - Gay, Donald George

Primary Information

Subject Name: **Gay, Donald George**

Record Type: **PERSON**

Bio: **64 yr. old, WHITE, MALE**

Birth Date: **[REDACTED]**

Juvenile: **No**

Place Of Birth: **Irwin County**

Place Of Birth State: **GEORGIA**

Place Of Birth Country: **United States of America**

Residence Status: **PERMANENT**

Personal Information

US Citizen: **Yes**

Photo: **Yes**

Addresses

Relationship	Address
HOME/LOCAL	2145 [REDACTED] Fernandina Beach, FLORIDA 32034 United States of America
OWNED PROPERTY	96119 [REDACTED], FLORIDA 32034 United States of America

Identifications

ID Type	Number	State	Country	As Of Date	Fictitious	Comment
Drivers License	[REDACTED]	FLORIDA	United States of America	4/7/2017	No	Valid
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Subject #4 - Owner #1 - Gay, Donald George - Continued

Identifications - Continued

ID Type	Number	State	Country	As Of Date	Fictitious	Comment
Social Security	██████████	---	United States of America	---	Unknown	---

Narrative

State of Florida
Department of Financial Services
Division of Investigative & Forensic Services
Bureau of Fire, Arson and Explosives Investigations

Origin and Cause Report

CASE NUMBER:

20-1200 DIFS

DFS220OFF000342

SYNOPSIS:

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The owner of the involved residence advised Nassau County Fire/Rescue personnel that he, the owner served the occupants with an eviction notice on today's date and he felt the fire was suspicious. Due to this information, Nassau County Fire/Rescue personnel requested the investigative assistance of the Florida Division of Investigative and Forensic Services, Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investigations.

The actions of the Nassau County Fire/Rescue related to this incident are detailed in their incident report number, 2020-3119. A copy of this report will be obtained and added to this case file.

PARTICIPATING FIRE INVESTIGATORS:

I was assisted on this scene by Detective Young with Accelerant Detection Canine Fresca of the Florida Division of Investigative and Forensic Services, Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investigations.

WITNESS REPORTS:

I spoke with Ashley Scarlett who identified herself as the renter of the involved property. Ashley Scarlett confirmed that she, Ashley Scarlett lives in the involved residence with her, Ashley Scarlett's husband, her three children, and her mother. Ashley Scarlett advised that they have been renting the involved residence since February 2019. Ashley Scarlett advised that they are not current on their rent due to her and her husband not working due to the coronavirus restrictions. Ashley Scarlett advised that she, Ashley Scarlett received a notice in the mail today regarding their rent and eviction. Ashley Scarlett advised that the date on the letter had already passed so she, Ashley Scarlett was unsure what the letter meant.

Ashley Scarlett advised that she, Ashley Scarlett has not had a fire anywhere that she, Ashley Scarlett lived since she was a child.



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Ashley Scarlett advised that she, Ashley Scarlett does not have renter's insurance.

Ashley Scarlett advised she, Ashley Scarlett smokes but only on the back/west porch and outside the involved residence.

Ashley Scarlett advised that no candles or incense should have been burning in the involved residence.

When I asked Ashley Scarlett about electrical issues she advised that the approximately four months ago they tripped a breaker using items in a power strip in the living room. Ashley Scarlett advised that she, Ashley Scarlett unplugged some of the items and reset the breaker and there have not been any further issues.

I provided Ashley Scarlett with my business card. I advised Ashley Scarlett to contact me with any questions or concerns. I advised Ashley Scarlett how to obtain copies of the reports related to this incident.

I advised Ashley Scarlett that when I completed my scene investigation they could enter the involved residence and obtain needed personal property. I advised Ashley Scarlett that the fire damaged areas of the involved residence should be left as they currently are until the owner of the involved property and the owner's insurance company could view the damage. Ashley Scarlett advised that she, Ashley Scarlett understood.

Fire Discovery:

I spoke with Lesa Moore who advised that she resides in the involved residence. Lesa Moore advised that her, Lesa Moore's daughter Ashley Scarlett rents the involved residence. Lesa Moore advised that she, Lesa Moore lives in the involved residence with Ashley Scarlett, Ashley Scarlett's husband, and Lesa Moore's grandchildren. Lesa Moore advised that at the time of the fire Lesa Moore was home with all three of her grandchildren. Lesa Moore advised that she, Lesa Moore was in her, Lesa Moore's bedroom and her grandchildren were in the house and in the backyard.

Lesa Moore advised that normally her granddaughter Jade Morgan tells her when she's cooking. Lesa Moore advised that on today's date Jade Morgan did not tell Lesa Moore however. Lesa Moore advised that her grandchildren fry things frequently to eat. Lesa Moore advised that the family keeps a pan with grease on the stove so that it only has to be warmed for cooking.

Lesa Moore advised that she, Lesa Moore heard the smoke detector deploy in the living room at which time she, Lesa Moore responded to investigate. Lesa Moore advised that she, Lesa Moore was met with smoke in the living room and then found the fire on top of the kitchen counter around the stove. Lesa Moore advised that the fire was already reaching the cabinets. Lesa Moore advised that she, Lesa Moore could not find a fire extinguisher in the cabinets and was unable to extinguish the fire with wet towels.

I thanked Lesa Moore for the information. I provided Lesa Moore with my business card. I advised Lesa Moore to contact me with any questions or concerns.

I then spoke with Jade Morgan. Jade Morgan is seventeen-years-old and lives in the involved residence. Jade Morgan's mother Ashley Scarlett allowed me to interview Jade Morgan. This interview was conducted approximately ten feet away from Ashley Scarlett and Lesa Moore in the front yard of the involved residence.

Jade Morgan advised that prior to the fire she, Jade Morgan was frying cheese sticks for her and her brother. Jade Morgan advised that she, Jade Morgan fried the cheese sticks and then removed them from the pan. Jade Morgan advised that she, Jade Morgan took some cheese sticks to her brother outside in the back/west yard. Jade Morgan advised that while in the back/west yard she, Jade Morgan heard her grandmother scream. Jade Morgan advised that when she, Jade Morgan returned to the kitchen there was a fire on the stovetop.

Jade Morgan advised that the family always uses a large pan for frying. Jade Morgan advised that the pan is kept on the stovetop with grease in it that is reused. Jade Morgan advised that the pan is approximately half full of grease. Jade Morgan advised that she, Jade Morgan warms and cooks with the grease on high. Jade Morgan advised that she, Jade Morgan knows that she did not turn off the burner under the grease when leaving the kitchen.

Jade Morgan initially estimated that she was only gone from the kitchen for a couple of seconds. Jade Morgan then restated that she was gone for at least a minute because of talking to her brother. Jade Morgan advised that she, Jade Morgan was cooking on the back-left burner when facing the stove.



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First Arriving Official(s):

Lieutenant Graff was assigned to Engine 70 which was the first Nassau County Fire/Rescue apparatus to arrive at this scene. Lieutenant Graff advised that upon his, Lieutenant Graff's arrival heavy smoke was coming out the roof vent and the front/east side of the involved residence. Lieutenant Graff advised that all the occupants were out of the involved residence. Lieutenant Graff advised that all windows and doors on the front/east side of the involved residence were closed.

Lieutenant Graff advised that the upper wall cabinets within the kitchen were mostly burned away at the time of Nassau County Fire/Rescue personnel entering the kitchen.

When asked Lieutenant Graff advised that some of the initial responding Nassau County Fire/Rescue firefighters heard the smoke detectors audibly deploying inside the involved residence.

Fire Suppression:

Lieutenant Graff advised that upon approaching involved residence he, Lieutenant Graff observed fire in what was later learned to be the kitchen from the exterior. Lieutenant Graff advised that they breached the south facing window, to the north of the front/east door and began deploying water from south to north through the dining area into the kitchen. Lieutenant Graff advised that they extinguished much of the fire this way. Lieutenant Graff also advised that the south window on the front/east side was also broken from the exterior to release heat from the interior of the involved residence. Lieutenant Graff advised that holes were punched in the ceiling in many of the rooms checking for fire extension due to the fire making it to the attic above the kitchen area.

SCENE DESCRIPTION:

This scene involves a residential structure located at 96119 [REDACTED] Fernandina, Florida. The involved residence is of wood framed construction. The involved residence is located on the west side of the roadway and faces east. The involved residence has a brick exterior sheathing on the front/east side and the remainder of the exterior is vinyl siding. The front/east wall above the garage door is also covered with vinyl siding. The involved residence has an asphalt shingled roof. The involved residence is approximately 2,620 square feet. The involved residence is located within a subdivision that contains other residential structures of similar construction. The involved residence has an attached two-car garage located on the north end of the front/east side. A concrete driveway connects Long Island Place and the attached garage.

The contents of the involved residence are consistent with persons currently living there.

FIRE SCENE EXAMINATION:

The fire scene examination was conducted in good faith in accordance with the recommended guidelines outlined in NFPA 921 – Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigation (2017 Edition).

A systematic approach was used; examination progressed from outside to inside and from areas suspected of having the least damage to areas of greater damage with emphasis on recognition, identification, and analysis of fire and heat patterns. Close attention was paid to all relevant details.

Exterior observation:

I made the following observations about the exterior of the involved residence:

Front/east exterior (from south to north):

The furthest south window is closed and broken. The front/east door is open. The vinyl siding encompassing the ceiling of the exterior front foyer is melted and/or hanging down from the ceiling. The window to the north of the front/east door is south facing. This window is closed and broken. Black soot was observed on the remaining glass. Fire damage is observed to the top of the window frame and the exterior wall above the window frame. The garage door is open. (Images 1698-1699)

A gray four-door Chevrolet Cruz is parked in the northwest portion of the driveway. The Chevrolet Cruz displays Florida license tag EMBV32. The Chevrolet Cruz is parked facing west. No fire related damage was observed on the exterior of the Chevrolet Cruz. (Images



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North exterior (from east to west):

Garbage cans were located on the east end of the north exterior wall. The electrical meter was no longer in place in its normal position on the east end of the north exterior wall. The first window was closed and broken. Black soot was observed on the glass that remained. Fire/heat damage was observed to the top and the top sides of the window frame and the exterior wall above the window. Fire and heat damage above this window extended to the soffit and roof overhang. The screen for this window was on the ground below the window opening. The next two windows were closed and broken. Both windows had soot on the interior of the glass. The furthest west window was intact. (Images 1700-1703)

Back/west exterior (from north to south):

Two inflatable boats that were filled with water are sitting in the approximate center of the back/west yard. The furthest south window is closed and intact. The next window is open and intact. Within this window the blinds are broken and hanging down. The screen door for the back/west screen porch is open. The furthest south window is open and intact. (Images 1705-1707)

South exterior (from west to east):

The furthest west window is open and intact. Black soot was observed on the interior of the glass for this window. The other window is open and intact. Black soot was observed on the interior of the glass. The blinds within this window were torn down and hanging in the window sill. (Images 1708-1709)

Interior observation:

Varying degrees of smoke and heat damage were observed throughout the entire interior of the involved residence. All smoke and heat damage increased when moving towards the kitchen. Fire damage was limited to the kitchen and dining nook. The fire damage was greater in the top half of these two areas. Fire damage was also noted in the pantry on the west side of the dining nook and the doorway leading into the garage. (Images 1741-1877)

Within the room to the west of the kitchen (Dining room) all the ceiling has been pulled down and the room is filled with blown insulation from the attic. (Images 1879-1922)

A deceased gerbil was observed within its cage in the living room. (Images 1923-1924)

Within the garage soot was noted throughout the entire interior. The white Ford Expedition with Florida license tag 859BUS parked in the garage was also covered with soot. (Images 1715-1740)

On the back/west screened porch I observed heat damage to the vinyl ceiling and cheese sticks on a paper plate. (Images 1925-1943)

Area of origin:

Once I determined the area of origin was within the kitchen, I began to examine the burn patterns and damages by layering. I excavated the area in a thorough and careful manner.

The origin of the fire was discovered to be in, on, around, or about the area of the stovetop. Burners and burner drip pans from the stovetop were found on the floor below the electric range as well as on the counter to the north of the range top. The pan, that was used for frying the cheese sticks was also located to the north of the range top on the counter. The movement of items from the range top is most probably due to fire suppression with water occurring from south to north from outside of the window. The exact location of each burner and burner drip pan (on the range top) could not be determined. The pan used in this incident had oxidation/discoloration of the metal from heat on the interior. This pan also had heat scarring on the bottom that matched an electric burner. The handle was also burned from this pan. I confirmed with Jade Morgan that this was the pan being used to fry the cheese sticks. The heaviest damage to any appliances was to the control head of the range and the wall-mounted microwave that had been mounted to the east kitchen wall above the range. No knobs or knob stems remained intact on the control head of the range top. All the wall-mounted cabinets were no longer in place with approximately 30% of the cabinets remaining on the floor within the kitchen. No damage was noted on the interior of the oven. (Images 1945-2005)

The electrical system of the involved residence as well as electrically energized items were eliminated as potential causes for this fire. Multiple tripped electrical breakers were observed within the electrical breaker panel within the garage. (Images 1734-1740)



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Improperly discarded smoking materials was also eliminated as a potential cause for this fire. Although one of the occupants of the involved residence smokes no indicators of smoking occurring within the interior of the involved residence were found including the area of origin.

No signs or indicators of candles/incense burning within the interior of the involved residence were located.

A review of the weather for the date of the incident revealed no indicators of weather being a potential cause for this fire.

All sources of ignition were considered and weighed during this investigative process.

Evidence

Digital photographs of the fire scene were taken with my issued Canon Rebel EOS T3 digital camera. The digital photographs were saved on a DVD and placed in the case file.

A rough sketch documenting the interior floor plan of the involved residence was completed and placed into the case file.

Exposures

No other structures or conveyances were damaged because of this fire.

Number of Fatalities and/or Injuries

There were no reported injuries or fatalities because of this fire.

Estimated Value and Loss

The value of the involved property is estimated at \$200,000.00 with an estimated loss of \$50,000.00. These estimates were developed in part using information from the Nassau County Property Appraisers website.

Weather

A weather report was printed from www.wunderground.com which advised the local weather for the location of the structure. The highest actual temperature was 89 degrees F, with 31 percent humidity, 0.00 inches of precipitation, and maximum wind speed of 9 mph (W). The data indicated that the weather was fair during the time of the fire. Weather and or lightning do not appear to be a factor in the ignition and spread of this fire.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the fire scene examination, physical evidence, knowledge of fire development, firefighter and witness statements, and supporting conditions this fire has been classified as accidental in nature.

After a thorough inspection and investigation, it was determined that there were no other probable fire causes in the area of origin. All sources of ignition were considered during this investigation.

On the day of this incident and occupant of the involved residence was frying cheese sticks using a frying pan and oil on the electric range top. The occupant left the burner in the on position with the pan of oil still on it unattended. A fire resulted which spread throughout the kitchen and into the remainder of the involved residence, in varying degrees. Smoke detectors audibly alerted and notified the occupants of the fire. All observed fire patterns were consistent with this opinion.

The version of events as told by the occupants of the involved residence matched the observed fire patterns.

The occupants of the involved residence received paperwork regarding eviction, on the date of the fire. No evidence of the occupants removing any of their personal property was observed. The occupants sustained a considerable loss of property because of the fire damage.

As of this report writing no additional suspicious circumstances have come to light.

STATUS:

Case Closed/Accidental



DFS Division of Investigative & Forensic Services
Analytical Assist (Analysts Use Only) BFAEI20-1200/2

Report Date: 05/27/2020

Warning

Contains entities exempt from disclosure

Primary Information

Description: Completed AR's Lease Moore, Ashley Scarlett, Jade Morgan, Donald Gay (Nassau)
Occurrence From: 05/26/2020 09:15
Occurrence To: 05/27/2020 16:45
Reporting LEO: Phillips, Diana (phillipsd / Jacksonville 1 / Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Inv.)
Report Status: Approved
Report Status Date: 05/28/2020
Approved By: Welsh, Lorene (00204 / DFS - Division of Investigative & Forensic Svcs)

Synopsis

05/27/2020. ACISS updated. CH's and AR's completed for Leasa Moore, Ashley Scarlett, Jade Morgan and Donald Gay in reference to a structure fire that occurred 05/04/2020 at 96119 Long Island Pl, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034, with the following results:

1. Leasa Cross Moore (Occupant/Grandmother):

DOB: [REDACTED] POB: Georgia

SSN: [REDACTED] 4 FL DL: [REDACTED]

Address: 85155 [REDACTED], FL 32097

FCIC/NCIC: Positive criminal history. Negative for FCW. Negative for Wants/Warrants

Consolidated Report Systems: Positive results

CCIS: Negative criminal history. Positive for traffic infraction and civil matter.

CLEAR:

Addresses:

- 85155 Ausmus Ave, Yulee, FL 32097 (Nassau Co), as of 02/29/2020
- 178 Magnolia St, Saint Marys, GA 31558 (Camden Co), as of 07/01/2018

Phones:

- (912) 576-9055, Residential
- (912) 729-2780, Residential
- (904) 624-5855, Cellular

2. Ashley Brooke (Hutson) Scarlett (Occupant/Mother):

DOB: [REDACTED] POB: Florida

SSN: 2 [REDACTED] FL DL: [REDACTED]

Address: 85155 [REDACTED], FL 32097

FCIC/NCIC: Positive criminal history. Negative for FCW. Positive for Wants Warrants – NIC W047921543, dated 10/01/2019, FL In-state Pick-up, with extradition 150 mi. into Ga.

Consolidated Report Systems: Positive results

CCIS: Positive criminal history.

CLEAR:

Addresses:

- 96119 [REDACTED] Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 (Nassau Co), as of 10/14/2019
- 85155 [REDACTED] FL 32097 (Nassau Co), as of 04/22/2019

Phone:



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(904) 326-2605, Unknown

3. Jade Mackenzie Morgan (Occupant, Juvenile Daughter):

DOB: [REDACTED] POB: Georgia

SSN: [REDACTED] FL DL: [REDACTED]

Address: 85155 [REDACTED], FL 32097

FCIC/NCIC: Negative criminal history. Negative for FCW. Negative for Wants/Warrants

Consolidated Report Systems: Positive results

CCIS: Negative criminal history.

CLEAR Address: 85155 [REDACTED], FL 32097 (Nassau Co), as of 02/27/2020

4. Donald George Gay (Property Owner):

DOB: [REDACTED] POB: Georgia

SSN: [REDACTED] FL DL: [REDACTED]

Address: 2145 [REDACTED] Beach, FL 32034 (Nassau Co)

FCIC/NCIC: Negative criminal history. Negative for FCW. Negative for Wants/Warrants

Consolidated Report Systems: Positive results

CCIS: Negative criminal history.

ISO claim history includes:

- 05/04/2020 Homeowners Claim, House Fire, Policy # F [REDACTED], Claim # [REDACTED]
- 09/08/2000 Personal Auto Claim

CLEAR:

Addresses;

- 2145 [REDACTED], FL 32034 (Nassau Co), as of 12/31/2019
- 96119 [REDACTED] FL 32034 (Nassau Co), as of as of 08/28/2017

Phones:

- (904) [REDACTED], Unknown
- (904) [REDACTED], Unknown
- (904) [REDACTED], Unknown
- (904) [REDACTED], Unknown

No formal report required. All reports have been provided separately and electronically to Detective. Detective was notified via Email.
CIA DPhillips

Time:

05/26/2020, 2 ½ hrs.

05/27/2020, 2 ½ hrs.

Address #1 - FIRE SCENE #1 - 96119 Long Island Place

Primary Information

Address: 96119 [REDACTED], FLORIDA 32034 United States of America

Office: Jacksonville

Region: Northeast



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Address #1 - FIRE SCENE #1 - 96119 Long Island Place - Continued

Subjects			
<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Bio</u>	<u>DOB</u>
HOME/LOCAL	Moore, Leasa Cross (PERSON)	60 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]
HOME/LOCAL	Morgan, Jade Mackenzie (PERSON)	17 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]
HOME/LOCAL	Scarlett, Ashley Brooke (PERSON)	36 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]
OWNED PROPERTY	Gay, Donald George (PERSON)	64 yr. old, WHITE, MALE	[REDACTED] 9 [REDACTED]

Subject #1 - Occupant #1 - Moore, Leasa Cross

Primary Information						
Subject Name:	Moore, Leasa Cross					
Record Type:	PERSON					
Bio:	60 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE					
Birth Date:	[REDACTED]					
Juvenile:	No [REDACTED]					
Place Of Birth City:	Albany					
Place Of Birth State:	GEORGIA					
Place Of Birth Country:	United States of America					
Personal Information						
US Citizen:	Yes					
Photo:	Yes					
Addresses						
Relationship	<u>Address</u>					
HOME/LOCAL	96119 [REDACTED], Fernandina, FLORIDA 32034 United States of America					
PRIOR LOCAL/HOME	85155 [REDACTED], FLORIDA 32097 United States of America					
Telephones / E-Addresses						
Relationship	<u>Number/E-Address</u>					
CELLULAR NUMBER	(904) [REDACTED] (CELLULAR)					
Subjects						
<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Bio</u>	<u>DOB</u>			
CHILD	Scarlett, Ashley Brooke (PERSON)	36 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]			
GRAND PARENT	Morgan, Jade Mackenzie (PERSON)	17 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]			
Identifications						
<u>ID Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>As Of Date</u>	<u>Fictitious</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Drivers License	[REDACTED] 0	FLORIDA	United States of America	3/2/2012	No	Valid
Social Security	[REDACTED]	---	United States of America	---	Unknown	---



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Subject #2 - Occupant #2 - Morgan, Jade Mackenzie

Primary Information

Exempt From Disclosure: **YES**
Subject Name: **Morgan, Jade Mackenzie**
Record Type: **PERSON**
Bio: **17 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE**
Birth Date: **[REDACTED]**
Juvenile: **Yes**
Place Of Birth: **Lowndes County**
Place Of Birth City: **Valdosta**
Place Of Birth State: **GEORGIA**
Place Of Birth Country: **United States of America**
Residence Status: **PERMANENT**

Personal Information

US Citizen: **Yes**
Photo: **Yes**

Addresses

Relationship	Address
HOME/LOCAL	96119 [REDACTED], Fernandina, FLORIDA 32034 United States of America
PRIOR LOCAL/HOME	85155 [REDACTED], FLORIDA 32097 United States of America

Subjects

Relationship	Name	Bio	DOB
GRAND CHILD	Moore, Leasa Cross (PERSON)	60 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]
PARENT	Scarlett, Ashley Brooke (PERSON)	36 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]

Identifications

ID Type	Number	State	Country	As Of Date	Fictitious	Comment
Drivers License	[REDACTED] 0	FLORIDA	United States of America	2/27/2020	No	Valid
Social Security	[REDACTED]	---	---	---	Unknown	---

Subject #3 - Occupant #3 - Scarlett, Ashley Brooke

Primary Information

Subject Name: **Scarlett, Ashley Brooke**
Record Type: **PERSON**
Bio: **36 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE**
Birth Date: **[REDACTED]**
Juvenile: **No**
Place Of Birth: **Lake County**
Place Of Birth State: **FLORIDA**
Place Of Birth Country: **United States of America**



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Subject #3 - Occupant #3 - Scarlett, Ashley Brooke - Continued

Primary Information - Continued

Residence Status: **PERMANENT**
Residence Type: **COUNTY**

Personal Information

US Citizen: **Yes**
Citizenship Country: **United States of America**
Photo: **Yes**
Deceased: **No**

Addresses

Relationship	Address
HOME/LOCAL	96119 [REDACTED], FLORIDA 32034 United States of America
PRIOR LOCAL/HOME	211 [REDACTED] 31558 United States of America
PRIOR LOCAL/HOME	85155 [REDACTED] 32097 United States of America

Telephones / E-Addresses

Relationship	Number/E-Address
CELLULAR NUMBER	(904) [REDACTED] (CELLULAR)

Subjects

Relationship	Name	Bio	DOB
CHILD	Morgan, Jade Mackenzie (PERSON)	17 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]
PARENT	Moore, Leasa Cross (PERSON)	60 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	1 [REDACTED]

Identifications

ID Type	Number	State	Country	As Of Date	Fictitious	Comment
Drivers License	[REDACTED]	FLORIDA	United States of America	4/16/2018	No	Valid
Drivers License	[REDACTED]	GEORGIA	United States of America	12/17/2013	No	Expired
Social Security	[REDACTED]	---	United States of America	---	No	---

Alias Information

Alias
Hutson, Ashley Brooke

Subject #4 - Owner #1 - Gay, Donald George

Primary Information

Subject Name: **Gay, Donald George**
Record Type: **PERSON**
Bio: **64 yr. old, WHITE, MALE**
Birth Date: [REDACTED]
Juvenile: **No**
Place Of Birth: **Irwin County**



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Subject #4 - Owner #1 - Gay, Donald George - Continued

Primary Information - Continued

Place Of Birth State: **GEORGIA**
Place Of Birth Country: **United States of America**
Residence Status: **PERMANENT**

Personal Information

US Citizen: **Yes**
Photo: **Yes**

Addresses

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
HOME/LOCAL	2145 [REDACTED] Beach, FLORIDA 32034 United States of America
OWNED PROPERTY	96119 [REDACTED], FLORIDA 32034 United States of America

Identifications

<u>ID Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>As Of Date</u>	<u>Fictitious</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Drivers License	[REDACTED] 0	FLORIDA	United States of America	4/7/2017	No	Valid
Social Security	[REDACTED]	---	United States of America	---	Unknown	---



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Report Date: 06/02/2020

Primary Information

Description: K-9 supplement
Reporting LEO: Young, David (00029 / Jacksonville 2 / Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Inv.)
Report Status: Approved
Report Status Date: 06/03/2020
Approved By: Cooper, Ernest Duane (00025 / DIFS Bureau of Fire Arson Explosives Investigation)

Address #1 - FIRE SCENE #1 - 96119 Long Island Place

Primary Information

Address: 96119 [REDACTED], FLORIDA 32034 United States of America
Office: Jacksonville
Region: Northeast

Subjects

Relationship	Name	Bio	DOB
HOME/LOCAL	Moore, Leasa Cross (PERSON)	60 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]
HOME/LOCAL	Morgan, Jade Mackenzie (PERSON)	17 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]
HOME/LOCAL	Scarlett, Ashley Brooke (PERSON)	36 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	[REDACTED]
OWNED PROPERTY	Gay, Donald George (PERSON)	64 yr. old, WHITE, MALE	[REDACTED]

Narrative

State of Florida
Department of Financial Services
Division of Investigative and Forensic Services
Bureau of Fire, Arson and Explosives Investigations

Canine Report

CASE NUMBER:

20-1200/3

FHP CAD # DFS220OFF000342

NARRATIVE:

REQUEST DATE/TIME: 5/4/20 1630
ARRIVAL DATE/TIME: 5/4/20 1818
COMPLETION DATE/TIME: 5/4/20 2230

On 5/4/20, Detective Baker of the Bureau of Fire, Arson and Explosives Investigations requested the assistance of the Accelerant Detection Canine (ADK-9) Team to the scene of a structure fire located at 96119 [REDACTED] Fernandina Beach, Florida. I arrived on scene and met with Detective Baker. Prior to the ADK-9 examination of the fire scene, I conducted a safety walk through of the fire scene.

The fire scene is described as a occupied single-story wood frame residence. The fire was situated on the north side of the home with the front of the home facing in an east direction. For more detailed information of the scene, refer to the primary investigation report.

I conducted an interior and exterior ADK-9 examination of the home with ADK-9 Fresca. 1 Alert(s) were made during the examination



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of the fire scene in the following location(s). The only alert was on a fuel can located in the garage and was not part of the fire area. No other alerts were made within the fire scene and these findings were reported to Detective Baker.

No follow-up investigation was required of the ADK-9 Team.

STATUS:

The ADK-9 examination of this fire scene resulted in 1 ADK-9 alert(s). No samples were taken by the ADK-9 Team and no further action was taken in this case.