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Fire Investigation: 25 Geneva Avenue

On April 17, 2024, at around 6:00 PM, the Wallingford Telecommunications Center received a call reporting smoke coming from a residence located at 25 Geneva Avenue. Wallingford Fire Department and Police Units were dispatched to the residence and located a male outside suffering from severe burns. This individual was airlifted to a local burn center for treatment and remains in critical condition. Entry was made into the residence and Fire Units located two individuals still inside the 2nd floor apartment. One individual was pronounced deceased on scene and the other was transported to an area hospital where they were pronounced deceased.

Investigation conducted by the Wallingford Fire Marshal's Office and the State Fire Marshal's Office with the assistance of the Wallingford Police Department's Investigative Services Division, Central District Major Crime, and the New Haven State's Attorney's Office indicates that the incident is criminal in nature.

The investigation has been assigned to the Wallingford Investigative Services Division. At this time there are no further details that can be released. As the investigation progresses we will continue to provide updates. Anyone with information relevant to the incident is asked to contact the Wallingford Police Department at 203-294-2845 or leave a tip on the Department's website at <https://www.police.wallingfordct.gov/>