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### **Investigation Into Arson and Murder in Western Paulding County**

(Paulding County, GA) On August 26, 2019 at approximately 12:50 AM, a 911 call was placed to Paulding E-911 reference a vehicle fire. The Paulding County Sheriff's Office and Paulding County Fire/Rescue responded to the vehicle fire which was located at 2172 Vinson Mountain Crossing, Rockmart, GA 30153. After the vehicle was located and the fire was extinguished, it was discovered that there was a body inside.

Paulding County Fire/Rescue, the State Fire Marshal's Office, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) are assisting the Paulding County Sheriff's Office in this investigation. Once the scene was processed, the victim's remains were recovered and subsequently transported to the GBI Crime Lab in Atlanta where an autopsy will be conducted in the coming days.

At this time, no further information is being released due to this being an open and active investigation. Neither the identity of the victim, nor the identities of any suspect(s) are known at this time. When more information becomes available, it will be released.

Detectives and Agents want to encourage anyone who may have information about this incident to call (770) 443-3015.