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Residential Fire from 2021 Ruled Arson – Death Being Investigated as Homicide

Tacoma, Wash. – On December 31, 2021, at 5:27 p.m., Tacoma Fire Department personnel responded to a house fire on Rosemount Way. A deceased male was located inside the residence.

The male was identified by the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office as James Elliott, an 83-year-old male. The cause of death was ruled asphyxia due to inhalation of products of combustion.

Investigators from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, (ATF), have determined the residential fire resulted from arson.

The death of James Elliott is being investigated as a homicide.

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