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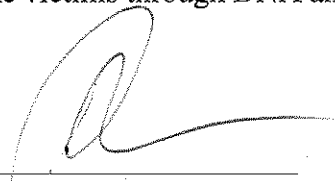
On Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 4:01 a.m. the New Jersey State Police (Hope Station) were dispatched to 34 Mallard Drive located in Panther Valley, Allamuchy Township for an open 911 call. Upon the troopers arrival to the residence they encountered heavy smoke and flames emanating from the front of the residence. The fire was extinguished by the area fire departments. During the subsequent investigation two deceased persons were located inside of the residence.

An investigation is currently being conducted by members of the New Jersey State Police (Hope Station), New Jersey State Police CSI North, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit, the Mount Olive Fire Marshal's Office and the New Jersey State Fire Marshal's Office. The responding fire companies included: Hope Fire Department, Mountain Lake/Liberty Fire Department, Independence Township Fire Department, Hackettstown Fire Department, Allamuchy Fire Department and the Allamuchy/Green Township Fire Department.

The origin of the fire remains as undetermined at this time. This remains an active investigation pending the positive identification of the victims through DNA analysis.

Approved by:

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