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Woman perishes in 3rd Alarm fire in the City of Nashua

NASHUA – New Hampshire State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan, Nashua Fire Chief Brian Morrissey, and Nashua Police Chief Andrew J. Lavoie announce that the Nashua Fire and Police Departments were called to 4-6 Girouard Ave. in Nashua at approximately 3:43 am for a reported building fire.

Upon arrival, Engine 1 found heavy fire conditions coming from two floors of the 2 ½-story 3-unit apartment building. First arriving crews attempted to rescue an adult female subject reported to be trapped on the 2nd floor, but heavy fire conditions prevented crews from affecting the rescue. Two other occupants were forced to jump from a 2nd floor window, and one adult male subject has been since transported to Massachusetts General Hospital for additional treatment related to his injuries.

Positive identification of the victim and cause of death are pending an autopsy that will take place at NH State Medical Examiner's Office in Concord, NH.

The investigation into the Origin & Cause of the fire is active and ongoing by members of the NH State Fire Marshal's Office – Bureau of Investigations, the Nashua Fire Marshal's Office, and the Nashua Police Department Detective Bureau. Preliminary indications are that the fire originated on an outside porch and quickly spread throughout the interior portions of the building.

State Fire Marshal Degnan would like to remind all citizens of the importance of having working smoke alarms in your home. In the event of a fire, immediately exit your home and call 911. Keep exits clear of debris and have a home fire escape plan.

Any further inquiries can be directed to the NH State Fire Marshal's Office – Bureau of Investigations, Investigator Sean Plumer, or Deputy Keith Rodenhiser at (603) 223-4289.