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Keene Fire Cause Determined and Untimely Death Victim Identified

New Hampshire State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan, Keene Fire Chief Gary Lamoureaux, and the Keene Police Chief Kenneth Meola, announce that the fire investigation and untimely death investigation that occurred on June 15, 2011 at the Cheshire County Superior Court in Keene has concluded.

The victim has been identified by the New Hampshire Medical Examiner's Office as 58-year-old Thomas Ball of Holden Massachusetts. The investigation has concluded that Mr. Ball did die as a result of the fire. The cause of the fire has been ruled 'incendiary' or intentionally set. Investigators have determined that Mr. Ball caused the fire at the court house. The investigative team has determined that Mr. Ball took his own life.

All further inquiries can be directed to Investigator Danielle Cole of the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office at (603) 223-4289 or Lt. Detective McLaughlin and Detective Lundin of the Keene Police Department at (603) 357-9820.