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NEWS RELEASE

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August 13 Fire Victim Identified

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Iowa Medical Examiner has preliminarily identified the victim of the August 13, 2010, fire at 605 Bluff Street in Dubuque as Michael D. Fitzsimmons, age 62.

Fitzsimmons (DOB 11/19/1947) was the occupant of room #232 where the fire originated. According to the Iowa Medical Examiner, the cause of death was determined to be smoke and soot inhalation and the manner of death was accidental.

The Dubuque Fire Department has determined that the origin of the fire was in room #232 and the most probable cause was improper use of smoking materials. The use of oxygen in the room was also a contributing factor to the fire.

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