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**STATE FIRE MARSHAL MIKE CHANEY ISSUES STATEMENT ON CLINTON HOUSE FIRE**

**JACKSON, Miss.** – The State Fire Marshal’s Office (SFMO) is investigating a house fire on Old Vicksburg Road in Clinton that killed seven people in the early hours of Saturday, February 8, 2020.

SFMO investigators have determined the fire was accidental and electrical in nature. It appears the fire started in the attic of the home. It also appears there were no working smoke alarms in the home. Without smoke alarms, there was no early detection and it may have prevented the victims from getting out in time. SFMO investigators believe metal bars on the windows of the home played a small role in the deaths.

“This is a tragic situation. The family of the victims have my sincere condolences,” said State Fire Marshal and Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney.

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