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Unattended Cooking Fire Under Investigation

JACKSON, Miss. – State Fire Marshal investigators are looking into a fire at a home in Holmes County. 45-year-old Jessie Jones was found dead in the home on Head Start Drive in Goodman, Miss. An autopsy has been requested to determine his official cause of death. Investigators found evidence that the fire started in the kitchen and was caused by unattended cooking on a stove top. The fire was reported Wednesday, August 12, 2026, shortly before 2 a.m.

The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) offers the following cooking safety tips:

- Remove pans from the stove when not in use.
- Turn handles in so pots cannot be easily pulled off the stove.
- Never leave food cooking unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.
- Have a fire extinguisher handy.
- Kids and pets should stay at least 3 feet away from the stove when food is cooking.

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