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Electrical Fire Under Investigation in Clarke County

JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) is investigating a fire that claimed the life of 77-year-old Helen Lee on Saturday, September 19, 2026.

At approximately 1:45 p.m., emergency personnel were called to a fire at a single-story brick home on Camellia Street in Stonewall, Miss. The Stonewall Volunteer Fire Department was the first department to respond, with several additional fire departments assisting.

SFMO Deputies responded to the fire scene, and determined the fire originated in the laundry room near the home's electrical distribution panel. Because of the extent of the fire damage, investigators could not make a positive determination about the panel or wiring; however, the most probable cause appears to be some type of electrical failure.

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