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PRESS RELEASE

At approximately 6:55 p.m. on Saturday, July 9, 2022, Carroll County deputies were dispatched to Vaiden Rentals Apartments on Court Street in Vaiden for an apartment fire. The Vaiden Volunteer Fire Department was on the scene and worked to extinguish the fire.

It was reported that a 6-year-old child, Orlando "King" Pittman, and his 19-year-old brother, Thomas Perry III, were in the apartment, however they were not located. It was determined that the fire had been set intentionally, and efforts were begun to locate Perry and Pittman. Perry was seen walking east on Vaiden Kilmichael Road alone around 7:00 p.m. as a VFD fireman and a CCSO deputy were responding to the call. At that time, no one was aware to be on the lookout for Perry.

After some preliminary investigation and search efforts, the scene was determined to be safe for CCSO deputies to return and search the apartment for evidence. Orlando "King" Pittman was discovered hidden in a closet deceased apparently due to homicide prior to the fire. MBI Crime Scene investigators were called in for assistance with the investigation and to process evidence. Pittman's body was sent to Jackson for autopsy.

At approximately 9:50 a.m. on Sunday morning, CCSO Deputies located Perry in Vaiden and took him into custody for questioning and possible charges. At this time, this is an ongoing investigation and no further information will be released by any means other than press releases.

The thoughts and prayers of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office are certainly with the family in regards to this horrific tragedy.