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Structure Fire

(Wadmalaw Island, S.C.) On August 25, 2015, shortly before 3:00 a.m., this morning, Charleston County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to 2610 Boy Scout Road on Wadmalaw Island to assist St. Johns Fire Department with a reported structure fire. Upon our deputies' arrival, members of St. Johns Fire Department were already on scene and the residence was still fully engulfed in flames. According to initial reports, there were two subjects in the residence at the time of the fire, but only one was able to escape. It is believed that the other subject who was unable to escape the fire is deceased inside the residence. However, authorities have not been able to confirm this due to the condition of the burnt structure. The scene is still active at this time.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by St. Johns Fire Department, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and by the Charleston County Coroner's Office. The Charleston County Coroner's Office will identify the victim and the manner of death.