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## **MEDIA RELEASE - August 17, 2020**

### **ONE PERSON DIES IN FATAL FIRE IN TEWKSBURY**

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Michael J. Williams, Acting Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo, and Tewksbury Police Chief Tim Barlow announced a joint investigation into a fatal fire that occurred yesterday in Tewksbury Township.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, "On August 16, 2020, at approximately 6:40 a.m., Tewksbury Township Police were dispatched to the report of a fire at The Meadows at Oldwick, an independent living facility for those with disabilities. Local firefighters were dispatched to the scene and the fire was extinguished. An investigation conducted by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office's Arson Task Force, the New Jersey State Fire Marshall, and Tewksbury Township Police Department revealed that a small fire took place in the kitchen of a unit located in the facility. The unit was occupied by 62-year-old Thomas A. Mahoney, who suffered serious burns and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The initial investigation revealed that the cause of the fire was accidental. No other units in the complex were affected by the fire and no other injuries were reported."

Acting Prosecutor Williams added, "Our condolences go out to Mr. Mahoney's family and friends during this difficult time. I would also like to thank the brave men and women of the Whitehouse Rescue Squad, Lebanon Fire Company, Oldwick Fire Company, East Whitehouse Fire Company, Fairmont Fire Company, EMS 1 Medic Unit, Quakertown Fire Company, RIC Team, High Bridge Fire Department, North Branch Fire Company, and Pottersville Fire Company for their bravery and dedication to the citizens of Hunterdon County."

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