



Jackson Fire Department

Office of Fire Investigations
836 West Amite Street
Jackson, MS 39203



1146 Shalimar Drive/1138 Shalimar Drive

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On Saturday, January 27, 2024 at approximately 0530 hours, I, [REDACTED] of the Jackson Fire Department Arson Division received a call from Fire Dispatch requesting that I respond to 1146 Shalimar Drive for an explosion and a fire next door to this structure. I arrived on location at approximately 0600 hours and spoke to Chief [REDACTED] of District 2. Chief [REDACTED] advised prior to receiving the call he felt the fire station shake, but he was unaware of why. Chief [REDACTED] advised a short time later, Fire Dispatch requested him to respond to 1146 Shalimar Drive. Chief [REDACTED] advised upon arrival the structure was primarily demolished with house fragments and glass scattered throughout the street, the trees and neighbors' yards. Chief [REDACTED] advised there was a fire on the west exterior wall of 1138 Shalimar Drive, near the gas meter. Chief [REDACTED] advised he requested a fire investigator to respond to his location. Investigator A. Byrd assisted with the fire origin and cause determination.

The fire scene is a single-story, single-family, wood framed dwelling with masonry construction on a concrete foundation. The fire was primarily confined to the outer west wall, along with the roof and attic. As a result of this fire, 1146 Shalimar Drive sustained fire damage to the outer east wall.

I, [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] who owns the property at 1138 Shalimar Drive, and his contact number is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised his home is being rented to [REDACTED] and her contact number is [REDACTED]. I, [REDACTED] spoke with a person who identified herself as [REDACTED] by telephone. [REDACTED] advised she was last home on Friday, January 26, 2024. [REDACTED] advised she hasn't smelled any natural gas.

I, [REDACTED] spoke with [REDACTED] who resides at 1147 Shalimar Drive and his contact number is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised he was in bed sleep when his house shook. [REDACTED] advised his kids came in the room crying and advised they were knocked from the bed. [REDACTED] advised his front windows were burst out. [REDACTED] advised his garage doors and interior doors were pulled from the hinges. [REDACTED] advised he smelled natural gas approximately 1 week ago at the edge of his driveway, which is across from 1146 Shalimar Drive.

The investigation revealed that the outer east wall of 1146 Shalimar Drive sustained charring, as a result of the fire burning from the gas meter at 1138 Shalimar Drive. An investigation of the scene revealed the gas meter at 1146 Shalimar Drive was not on fire. Additional investigation revealed no competent heat source could be located for the explosion at 1146 Shalimar Drive, therefor the explosion will be classified as undetermined. Further investigation revealed because the 1st item ignited is unknown, the fire at 1138 Shalimar Drive will be undetermined also. Color photos along with video clips were taken of the scene. Prior to my departure representatives from Atmos Entergy were on scene conducting an investigation. The gas meter was burning and, pressurize gas was still being released from 1138 Shalimar Drive.

I, [REDACTED] observed and photographed damage to 1147 Shalimar Drive, 1139 Shalimar Drive, and 1131 Shalimar Drive. This damage occurred as a result of the explosion (s).

This concludes the investigation and report of the Jackson Fire Department Arson Division, unless additional information requires further investigation and/or modification of the report and findings at that time.

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