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Police Investigating Fatal Logan Heights House Fire

San Diego – In the early morning hours on Sunday, October 13, 2019, San Diego Police and San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel responded to a report of a house fire in the 3100 block of Clay Avenue, in the Logan Heights neighborhood. Neighbors told 9-1-1 dispatchers a family lived in the home and they could hear screaming inside. Neighbors were able to rescue at least one of the family members. When police and fire personnel arrived, they found the residence fully engulfed in flames. San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel immediately began rescue efforts. Four victims were transported to local hospitals. One victim was discovered deceased inside the home. An additional family member was located outside who managed to escape the fire unharmed.

Investigators from the San Diego Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST) responded to the scene and began the investigation into the cause and origin of this tragic fire. Sadly, two additional family members have died as a result of the injuries sustained during the fire. Out of an abundance of caution, investigators from the San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit have been assigned to the investigation. The homicide investigators will be working closely with the MAST investigators to determine if any criminal culpability exists.

Jose Antonio Romero (44 years old) was the victim found deceased in the home. Mr. Romero's wife and his daughter, Nicalasa Maya-Romero (46 years old) and Iris Romero (21 years old), passed away at the hospital in the days following the fire. A 23 year-old daughter and 16 year-old son remain hospitalized. A 26 year-old son was unhurt in the fire.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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