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Fire with Fatality in West Milford Township, New Jersey

WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Chief Ed Steines, of the West Milford Township Fire Department, announce that at approximately 9:11 a.m. on Sunday, July 23, 2017, members of the West Milford Township Fire Department and the West Milford Township Police Department responded to 58 Tintle Avenue in West Milford Township, New Jersey, on the report of a working fire. Upon their arrival, they encountered a single-family, residential structure on fire. The only person in the home at the time of the fire, tenant Edward Rossi, fifty-one years of age, was removed from the home by West Milford Township firefighters and transported to Chilton Hospital in Pequannock, New Jersey, where he was pronounced deceased. No one else lived in the home. There were no injuries to first responders.

The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes-Arson Unit, along with members of the West Milford Township Fire Marshals Office, the Passaic County Sheriff's Department and the Bergen County Sheriff's Department Canine Unit responded to the scene to assist in the investigation. The investigation is still active and ongoing. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time. No criminal charges are anticipated.

The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office asks anyone with additional information about this incident to contact us on our tips line at 1-877-370-PCPO or tips@passaiccountynj.org.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor

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