

Sheriff's Office

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Weitchpec residential structure fire investigation

On June 25, 2019, at about 6:15 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center received the report of a residential structure fire with subjects possibly still inside on Mitchell Road near Weitchpec.

Sheriff's deputies were first to arrive on scene and discovered the residence fully-involved, with fire spreading into nearby vegetation.

Emergency personnel from CAL FIRE, Hoopa Fire Department, Orleans Volunteer Fire Department, Yurok Tribal Police Department and the Hoopa Valley Tribal Police Department responded to assist, in addition to a fire crew from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Two subjects were found deceased inside the residence. Identification of the deceased is pending further investigation and will be released at a later time.

Three additional subjects associated with the residence have been accounted for, one of which sustained moderate injuries as a result of the fire.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Additional details will be released as available.