



BUFFALO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



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TYPE OF INCIDENT

Structure Fire: Date: 02-16-2019 Time: 01:17 AM

LOCATION:

City: Township: Alma Village:

PARTIES INVOLVED:

Name/Age: Douglas Kane, age 79
W1490 Cesler Valley Road
Alma, WI 54610

Name/Age: Kathleen Vinehout, age 60
W1490 Cesler Valley Road
Alma, WI 54610

ENFORCEMENT ACTION:

None taken.

NARRATIVE:

On Saturday, February 16th, 2019 at approximately 01:17 AM the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office received a report of a structure fire at W1490 Cesler Valley Road. The caller advised the dispatch center that she randomly woke up and noticed that her neighbor's house was fully engulfed in flames.

Upon arrival of emergency units, it was discovered that approximately a third of the house was up in flames. Law Enforcement made contact with the owners, whom were standing near the residence. Both Douglas and Kathleen informed law enforcement that they were the only two inside of the residence tonight and that the fire started due to their fire place. Douglas stated that they started a fire prior to going to bed and that it was still going when he and Kathleen went to bed for the night. Around 01:00 AM, Douglas said that he and Kathleen were awoken by the sound of their fire alarms going off, and shortly after realized that their house was engulfed in flames.

Fire Departments responded but were hampered in fighting the fire due to weather and road conditions near the fires location.

The Alma Fire Department, Mondovi Fire Department, Waumandee Montana Lincoln Fire Department, Fountain City Fire Department, Tri-Community Fire Department, and the Nelson Fire Department fought the fire but were unable to get it put out.

The emergency services that responded to the scene of the fire were: Alma Fire Department, Mondovi Fire Department, Waumandee Montana Lincoln Fire Department, Fountain City Fire Department, Tri-Community Fire Department, Nelson Fire Department, Alma Ambulance Services, and the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office.