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News Release

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### **Update: fire victim succumbs to injuries**

The Springfield man injured in a house fire on January 16th has succumbed to his injuries. Thirty one year-old-Derrick Pelliccio died just before 6 this morning at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

An investigation by Springfield Fire Marshals found Pelliccio, along with 28-year-old Rachel Purcell, were asleep in a bedroom of the home on the 2000 block of Mt. Vernon St. when one of the three children in the home used a long-stemmed butane lighter to ignite the bedding materials on fire. Pelliccio and Purcell escaped the burning home, but both sustained significant burns.

One other adult in the home was able to escape with the three children unharmed. The children include a 5-year-old girl, a 2-year-old boy and a 1-year-old boy.

No smoke alarm was found in the home. Purcell remains hospitalized at this time.

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