



# JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

McLean County Coroner's Office  
Bloomington Fire Department & Bloomington Police Department

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## *McLean County Coroner Confirms Identity of Second Fire Victim*

Bloomington, IL - McLean County Coroner Dr. Kathleen Yoder is releasing the following information regarding the fatal house fire at 1205 Eastholme Avenue in Bloomington, Illinois.

On November 26, 2025, at approximately 7:55 a.m., the McLean County Coroner's Office received notification of two deaths at the above location. The Bloomington Police Department and Bloomington Fire Department were already on scene.

The juvenile male, pronounced deceased at 8:07 a.m. on November 26, 2025, has been identified as Hayden K. Stover, age 17, of Bloomington, Illinois. Mr. Stover died from carbon monoxide intoxication caused by the inhalation of smoke and soot from a house fire. Toxicology testing is pending.

The circumstances surrounding this incident remain under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department, the Bloomington Fire Department, and the McLean County Coroner's Office. Anyone with information should contact Detective Weston Gresham at [wgresham@cityblm.org](mailto:wgresham@cityblm.org) or 309-434-2570.

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## *McLean County Coroner Releases Details on Fatal Eastholme Avenue Fire*

Bloomington, IL - McLean County Coroner Dr. Kathleen Yoder is releasing the following information regarding the fatal house fire at 1205 Eastholme Avenue in Bloomington, Illinois.

On November 26, 2025, at approximately 7:55 a.m., the McLean County Coroner's Office received notification of two deaths at the above location. The Bloomington Police Department and Bloomington Fire Department were already on scene.

Pronounced deceased at 8:07 a.m., on November 26, 2025, were 40-year-old Tashika Stover and a juvenile male. Preliminary autopsy opinion indicates that Ms. Stover and the juvenile male died from carbon monoxide intoxication caused by the inhalation of smoke and soot from a house fire. Toxicology testing is pending.

The circumstances surrounding this incident remain under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department, the Bloomington Fire Department, and the McLean County Coroner's Office. Anyone with information should contact Detective Weston Gresham at [wgresham@cityblm.org](mailto:wgresham@cityblm.org) or 309-434-2570.

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## ***Fatal House Fire Under Investigation on Eastholme Avenue***

Bloomington, IL - On Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at approximately 7:30 a.m., the Bloomington Fire Department responded to a structure fire in the 1200 block of Eastholme Avenue.

Upon arrival, firefighters observed smoke coming from a single-story, single-family residence. Initial crews began extinguishment efforts while simultaneously initiating a search for occupants.

During the search, firefighters located two people inside the residence. They were both pronounced deceased at the scene by the McLean County Coroner's Office. An autopsy is pending, and their identities are being withheld pending positive identification and notification of next of kin.

The Bloomington Police Department responded to the scene to assist with the investigation.

The residence sustained extensive smoke and water damage, as well as significant fire damage to portions of the structure.

This incident remains under investigation by the Bloomington Fire Department, Bloomington Police Department, and the McLean County Coroner's Office.

Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Weston Gresham at [wgresham@cityblm.org](mailto:wgresham@cityblm.org) or 309-434-2570.

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### **Crime Tips**

If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email [CIAU@cityblm.org](mailto:CIAU@cityblm.org). You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

### **Career Opportunities**

The Bloomington Police Department is currently hiring for the entry-level officer position. Individuals interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement are encouraged to apply and join our team in serving and protecting the community. For more information, visit [join-bpd.com](http://join-bpd.com), email [knowers@cityblm.org](mailto:knowers@cityblm.org), or call 309-261-6018.

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