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Fire and Death Under Investigation in Hamilton

The Mercer County Prosecutor's Office and the Hamilton Police Division are investigating the circumstances surrounding a fire and death that occurred over the weekend on Klockner Road in Hamilton.

When Hamilton police and fire responded to an apartment in the 1700 block of Klockner Road in the early morning hours of Saturday, November 2, 2024, on a report of a fire, a 32-year-old male was found outside of the residence suffering from severe burns to his hands and face. An adult female was located inside of the apartment in a front bedroom suffering from severe burns. The couple, who reside together at the residence, were transported to the hospital where the female was pronounced dead a short time later. She has been identified as Crystal Vasquez Tavarez. The male remains hospitalized in serious condition.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact MCPO Detective Charles Antinoro at (609) 989-6351 or Sgt. Roberto Reyes at (609) 256-0997. Information can also be emailed to mchfttips@mercercounty.org.

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