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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: **Fatal Travel Trailer Fire**

On the morning of Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at approximately 1:00 AM, members of the Charlestown Police Department along with Charlestown Fire Department and Charlestown Ambulance Service, responded to the report of a travel trailer fire on the property of 10 Center Street, Charlestown. The first arriving police officers observed a travel trailer located on the property, next to the house, was fully engulfed in flames. Police officers quickly determined that the male occupant of the trailer was unaccounted for and believed to still be inside.

The Charlestown Fire Department quickly extinguished the fire. Human remains of a middle aged male were located inside the fire scene. The Office of the Rhode Island State Fire Marshall and the Rhode Island Medical Examiner's Officer were notified and responded. The fire victim was later positively identified as the known occupant, **Eric Fahlman**, age 42 of Wood River Junction Rhode Island.

This fire remains under investigation by the Charlestown Police Department and the Rhode Island State Fire Marshall's Office. Any further comments or questions on this case can be directed to Lieutenant Kevin Kidd at 401-213-6903.