



## **Vacaville Police Department**

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## *Press Release*

**Today's Date:** 1/2/2012  
**Date & Time Occurred:** 1/2/2012 at 10:34 a.m.  
**Submitted By:** Sgt. Jeff King  
**Phone:** (707) 449-5200  
**Case Number:** 12-00021  
**Type of Crime/Incident:** Structure Fire with a Fatality  
**Location:** 100 Block of Gentry Circle  
**Suspects:** None

**\*\*\* UPDATE 1/3/2012 \*\*\***

### **INVESTIGATION DETERMINES CIGARETTE LIKELY CAUSE OF FATAL FIRE**

The preliminary investigation into the structure fire at the 100 Block of Gentry Circle indicates that the case is not criminal. At this point, it appears that the fire was unintentional, possibly caused by a lit cigarette.

The Vacaville Police Department wishes to extend our sincere condolences to the Mitchell family. The case will officially be closed after results of several forensic tests are completed.

No further press releases are expected.

### **HOUSE FIRE CLAIMS THE LIFE OF VACAVILLE RESIDENT**

A structure fire that started mid-Monday morning in Vacaville has resulted in the death of one of the occupants of the home where the blaze occurred.

At approximately 10:34 a.m. Monday morning, the Vacaville Communication Center received a 911 call of a structure fire at 100 Block of Gentry Circle. The Vacaville Fire Department and Vacaville police units responded to the scene. Smoke was seen coming from the upstairs floor of the structure. Fire units forced entry into the home and located a fire burning in the upstairs master bedroom. Firefighters quickly put the fire out and located a female victim in the master bedroom.

The victim was carried downstairs and out of the home. CPR and other life-saving efforts were attempted by paramedics but proved unsuccessful and the victim was pronounced at the scene. A family dog was also found in the master bedroom, a victim of the fire. Another family dog was found alive in the home and was returned to family members.



The victim has been identified as Bobbie Mitchell, 52. Mitchell lives at the Gentry Circle home with her husband, who was at work at the time of the fire.

Damage to the home and its contents has been estimated at \$70,000. The cause of the fire is still under investigation at this time. The preliminary investigation indicates that it is not criminal in nature.

The Vacaville Police Department's Investigative Services Section, Vacaville Fire Department Investigators and members of the Solano/Napa Fire Investigation Unit are all working on this case.

Anyone with information about this fire can contact Detective Mark Ferreira at (707) 449-5200.