



MEDIA RELEASE

HAMLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incident Code:	Lake House Fire
Date of Call:	December 16, 2025
Time of Call:	Around 8:30am
Location:	400 Block of West Lake Drive; Lake Poinsett
Details:	
<p>LAKE POINSETT, SD - At around 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, Watertown Regional Dispatch Center received a 911 call reporting smoke coming from a lake house on the west end of Lake Poinsett. A neighboring resident noticed the smoke and alerted authorities.</p> <p>The Hamlin County Sheriff's Office was the first agency to arrive on scene and confirmed an active structure fire. Shortly after the sheriff's office arrival, fire crews from Lake Norden Fire Department were on scene and quickly attacked the fire. Fire suppression efforts were conducted by both Lake Norden and Hayti Fire Departments for several hours throughout the morning.</p> <p>The Lake Norden Ambulance was also on the scene as a precaution, but no occupants were inside the structure at the time of the fire, and no injuries were reported.</p> <p>Aiding in traffic control, the South Dakota Highway Patrol was on scene of the fire.</p> <p>The lake house was a complete loss and the cause of the fire is unknown at this time.</p>	
Any defendant(s) listed are presumed innocent under the U.S. Constitution.	
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