



MEDIA RELEASE

HAMLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incident Code:	Early Morning House Fire in Estelline
Date of Call:	Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026
Time of Call:	01:40am CDT
Location:	200 Block 5th Street North; Estelline, SD
Details:	
<p>ESTELLINE, SD - At approximately 1:40 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, Watertown Regional Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a house fire in the 200 block of 5th Street North in Estelline. The caller indicated that a neighbor's residence was on fire and that all occupants had safely exited the home.</p> <p>The Estelline Fire Department, Estelline Ambulance, and the Hamlin County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene. Upon arrival, fire crews observed active flames on the southeast corner of the structure, along with smoke coming from the attic.</p> <p>Fire personnel remained on scene for over two hours, working to contain and extinguish the fire. No injuries were reported as a result of the incident.</p> <p>The home is considered a total loss. The cause of the fire remains unknown and is under investigation.</p>	
Any defendant(s) listed are presumed innocent under the U.S. Constitution.	
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