

Fatal fire started on second floor

Investigators haven't determined what caused the fire that killed three people and critically injured a fourth man early Sunday, but believe it started on the second floor of the Moore apartment.

Scott Moore, 39, his girlfriend Amanda Morin, 21, and her six-month-old daughter Brianna died in the blaze.

Cory Wiseman, 27, who also lived in the Moore apartment, was severely burned, and Thursday afternoon was still in critical condition in Hamilton General Hospital's Burn Unit. A family member said he had suffered first, second and third degree burns to 75 per cent of his body, had a fractured spine and was on a respirator.

Investigators from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office (OFMO) have been at the house since Sunday, sifting through debris, attempting to discover what caused the blaze and where it started.

It's believed it originated in either the bedrooms or the hall on the second floor of the Moore apartment, said Trevor Bain of the OFMO.

"There's nothing to indicate at this point that it's criminal," said Bain, who added it may take months before a cause is determined.

He said an electrical engineer had been in to examine the home's electrical system.

"There was nothing remarkable about the main panel," said Bain. He added there was no evidence there was a huge electrical problem in that area.

A smoke alarm was found in the debris on the first floor of the Moore apartment and will be tested to determine if it was working.

Bain stressed the importance of having a working smoke alarm.

"Don't take for granted your smoke alarm unless you have maintained it," said Moore.

Friends of Wiseman are attempting to raise money for him and have donation jars at Shoeless Joe's and the McGibbon Hotel. Donations can be made for Wiseman at the



CORY WISEMAN

Georgetown and Acton branches of the Bank of Nova Scotia or by calling John Nolan at 905-877-9329 or Randy Cinese at 905-702-8745.

Plans are also in the works to raise money for Paul Dolegowksi and Bev Rae, who lived in the apartment adjoining Moore's. They, along with Paul's mother, Lois Robillard, managed to escape the fire but lost everything. More information on how to make a donation for them is expected soon.

The couple have not seen their male cat, which is black with white on its chest, since the fire. If anyone finds him they are asked to call 905-796-7090.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Police blotter

Break-ins, thefts believed linked

Halton Regional Police are investigating a break and enter into a home and two thefts from vehicles on 22 Sideroad Wednesday morning.

Police believe all three incidents are related.

Between 3 and 6 a.m., while the residents were asleep upstairs, someone entered a 22 Sideroad home through an unlocked rear window and stole cash, and CDs valued at \$600.

Police say the homeowner was awakened by three loud bangs and went downstairs to investigate. When he didn't find anything unusual he went back to bed. Three

hours later he discovered the cash and CDs were gone.

That same morning change was stolen from a 1992 Ford van parked at a home on 22 Sideroad and money was taken from a wallet left in a 1991 GMC pickup truck at another home on the same road.

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Police are investigating the theft of a 2001 Dodge pickup truck, valued at \$55,000, from a 17 Sideroad home between 3 and 6 a.m. Wednesday.

Scrape marks were left on a concrete pad and it's believed the truck, which was locked, may have been towed.

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