



# FIBRS Incident Report

GILCHRIST SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
9239 S. HWY. 129  
TRENTON, FL 32693

Report Date / Time <b>1/22/2021 12:59:16 PM</b>	Report Number <b>GCSO21OFF000068 (01)</b>	Report Case/CAD Number <b>GCSO21OFF000068 / GCSO21CAD001757</b>	Reporting Officer Rank / ID <b>LE DEPUTY / 345</b>	Reporting Officer Name <b>REEVES, DAVID</b>
Originating Agency ORI <b>FL0210000</b>	Reported to Agency Date <b>1/21/2021 3:51:15 PM</b>	Occur Date Range <b>01/21/2021 15:51:15 -</b>	Jurisdiction <b>In Jurisdiction</b>	Status: Clearance:
Offense Description <b>25S STRUCTURE FIRE</b>				

## LOCATION(S)

County <b>GILCHRIST</b>	Location Type <b>INCIDENT LOCATION</b>	Location Description					
Street Number <b>2219</b>	Street <b>SW 45 AVE</b>	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City <b>BELL</b>	State <b>FL</b>	Zip Code <b>32619</b>	Phone Number	Ext.

## INVESTIGATION

Weather Conditions	
Entry Method	
Point of Entry	
Point of Exit	
Point of Entry Visible From	
Security Used	
Suspect Action	
Target	

## Person: VICTIM

First Name <b>ROBERT</b>	Middle Name <b>GENE</b>	Last Name <b>MULLEN</b>	Suffix	Race <b>WHITE</b>	Sex <b>MALE</b>	Height <b>509</b>	Weight <b>0</b>	Hair <b>BROWN</b>	Eyes <b>BROWN</b>
MNI # <b>GCSO18MNI003615</b>	SSN [REDACTED]	Date of Birth <b>02/28/1966</b>	Age <b>54</b>	ID Type <b>A</b>	Drivers License or other ID [REDACTED]	State <b>FL</b>	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:									
Addresses • RESIDENCE / 2219 SW 45th Avenue, FL 34582 / 407-492-3204									

## Narrative: INITIAL

Narrative Date/Time <b>1/22/2021 1:03:03 PM</b>	Narrative Synopsis <b>STRUCTURE FIRE</b>		
Reporting Officer <b>REEVES, DAVID</b>	Officer Rank <b>LE DEPUTY</b>	Officer ID No <b>345</b>	Officer Org/Unit <b>GCSOPATROL</b>
Officer Signature		Officer Agency <b>GILCHRIST SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>	

On 01/21/2021, I was dispatched to 22109 SW 45th Ave in reference to a structure fire. Upon arrival, I assisted Gilchrist County Fire Rescue with applying water to

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the structure to put the fire out. Structure was an unknown single wide mobil home. The property owner was present and walking around on the phone and physically upset. Once fire was contained and out, Chief Rexrout stated that he had called the Florida State Fire Marshall to respond.

I then made contact with property owner who was identified as Robert Mullen DOB 02/28/1966 by his Florida Drivers License. Mullen stated that he was in his camper doing paperwork when he noticed the odor of smoke. Mullen stated that he went outside and noticed smoke coming from the windows of the single wide mobil home. Mullen stated that approx 30 exotic animals were kept in cages in the mobil home. Mullen stated that he attempted to pull the outside panels off the trailer to get to the animals but was unable do to upgrades that he must do to have the animals. Mullens then stated that he attempted to break a rear window to gain entry but the smoke was to bad and approx 20 seconds later, flames were coming out of the window.

FWC arrived on scene and stated that Mullen did have exotic animals on the property and he did have the correct permits for the animals. While inspecting the burnt trailer with Chief Rexrout and Investigator Holder, we noticed burnt wires at the front of the trailer that had burnt together not consistant with fire. Service to the mobil home showed under sized wire and several tripped breakers in the panel. Mullen stated that the trailer had been upgraded with wiring. Mullen also stated that he had three heaters in the mobil home but that they were not on. The front of the mobil home where the fire was determined to have started was were food was stored and prepared.

The main service to the property was inspected and the service to the mobil home was ran under ground in conduit but was not properly attached to the main panel. When Mullen was asked about the service, he stated that the wire was already there and that he had just used it. Central Florida Electric (A D Goodman) responded to the scene and he also stated that the service wire and main service

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was not up to code and to small. Florida State Fire Marshall also notified Chief Rexrout that they would not be responding at this time. FWC assisted with the care and cages for three birds that were able to be saved due to being in outside cages. Service to the mobil home was disconnected and CFCC restored power to the rest of the property.

Chief Campbell (GCFR) and Chief Rexrout (TDPS) both agreed that the fire was unintentional and probably started due to wiring issues.

**Narrative: INVESTIGATIVE**

Narrative Date/Time <b>1/27/2021 9:06:15 AM</b>		Narrative Synopsis <b>INFORMATION</b>		
Reporting Officer <b>HOLDER, WILLIAM TODD</b>	Officer Rank <b>LE DEPUTY</b>	Officer ID No <b>207</b>	Officer Org/Unit <b>GCSOINVESTIGATIONS</b>	
Officer Signature	Officer Agency <b>GILCHRIST SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>			

**Synopsis**

Investigation of structure fire located at 2219 SW 45th Avenue, Bell, Florida, Gilchrist County

**Description of Scene**

Located at the front of the property is an uninhabited mobile home. There is one camper trailer on the property with other miscellaneous structures. At the rear of the property is a single wide mobile home that was used to house exotic animals.

**Description of Victim**

W/M / Brown Hair / Brown Eyes / 5'9 / DOB 02-28-1966

**Description of Suspect**

N/A

**Crime Scene**

N/A

**Point of Entry**

N/A

**Entry Gained by**

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N//A

**After Entry Gained by**

N/A

**Point of Exit**

N/A

**List of Stolen Items**

N/A

**Evidence Collected**

N/A

**Interview(s)**

Robert Gene Mullen

**Details of Investigation**

On January 21, 2021, I was dispatched to 2219 SW 45th Avenue, Bell, Florida reference a fire. Upon arrival, I saw City of Trenton Public Safety Department, Chief Matt Rexroat and FWC Investigator Holmes. Chief James Campbell with Gilchrist County Fire Rescue arrived on scene shortly thereafter.

I made contact with Chief M. Rexroat and he advised the structure, a mobile home, was a total loss and that it had been used to house exotic animals. He advised that all of the animals within the structure had expired excluding four parrots that were caged outside of the structure. Chief M. Rexroat lead me to the mobile home which was located at the rear of the property. I observed a single wide mobile home that had extensive fire damage. The mobile home appeared to be a total loss. I saw wiring that was orange in color laying on the ground near the kitchen area of the mobile home. The wiring appeared to be fused together as if possible arcing had occurred. I located the remnants of two heaters and one light tower. I checked the breaker box and it appeared that three of the breakers were tripped. The power supply for the mobile home was coming from a power pole located at the front of the property. The wiring to the mobile home was underground. Central Florida Electric responded to the scene and advised that the service wire and main service was not "up to code" and that the wiring was too small. There was also exposed wiring at the meter located on the power pole.

I made contact with the owner of the property, Robert Mullen. R. Mullen advised that while he was inside of the camper trailer, he smelled the odor of smoke. He states that he exited the camper and that he saw smoke coming from the mobile home where his animals were kept. He advised he attempted entry however, due to "toxic smoke and flames" he was not able to gain access. R. Mullen

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advised that there were three heaters inside of the mobile home. He states that the heaters were not on. He advised that there were heating pads inside of the mobile home that were used for the reptiles.

The origin of the fire appears to be the kitchen area. The structure is a total loss. According to the owner, R. Mullen, the property is uninsured.

This fire is considered undetermined.

I have no further information.

**Officer: Approving Supervisor (Supplement 01)**

Officer Name <b>ANDERSON, CLINT</b>	Officer Rank <b>LE LIEUTEN</b>	Officer ID No <b>266</b>	Officer Agency <b>GILCHRIST SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>
Approval Date / Time <b>1/25/2021 8:37:23 AM</b>	Officer Signature		

Sup #	Officer Name Rank / ID #	Involvement On Report / Reporting Role	Officer Agency Org/Unit
01	<b>REEVES, DAVID LE DEPUTY 345</b>	<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>GILCHRIST SHERIFF'S OFFICE GCSOIPATROL</b>
01	<b>ANDERSON, CLINT LE LIEUTEN 266</b>	<b>APPROVING SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>GILCHRIST SHERIFF'S OFFICE GCSOIPATROL</b>

The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the above named Defendant, committed violation(s), of law, on the below date(s) and time(s), as listed in the narratives associated with this report:

**Officer: Reporting Officer (Supplement01)**

Officer Name <b>REEVES, DAVID</b>	Office Rank <b>LE DEPUTY</b>	Officer ID No <b>345</b>	Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the _____ day of _____, _____ DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
Officer Agency <b>GILCHRIST SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>	Officer Signature		