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Harold Phillips Charged with Arson and Murder

Gastonia Police have charged a Dallas man in connection with a fatal fire at 1499 Ware Avenue Wednesday night that took the life of Betty Skipper Godfrey.

Harold Lloyd Phillips, 47, 103 Apt. B Oak Forest Court, Dallas, is charged with first degree arson and first degree murder in the death of Ms. Godfrey.

“After being investigated by fire investigators, it was determined that the fire was not accidental,” said Detective Bureau Sgt. Jimmy West.

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