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INCIDENT UPDATE: HOUSE FIRE ON MARCELLA, JANUARY 1

Houston Fire Department Arson Investigators have ruled the cause of the house fire on Marcella, January 1, 2009, as accidental. The grandfather, David Smith, has been charged with Injury to a Child by Omission, a second degree felony.

Houston firefighters were dispatched to the home in the 1100 block of Marcella in northwest Houston, about 12:15 a.m. on January 1, 2009. The fire was quickly tapped out and firefighters rescued three children from the home. The children were transported to area hospitals. All three children have been released from the hospital.

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