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Elderly woman killed in house fire

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HOUSTON—Investigators on Wednesday were trying to piece together the events that led to a fatal house fire in southeast Houston.

They believe a faulty gas meter may have caused the blaze, and oxygen tanks within the home may have caused additional explosions.

An elderly woman died in the fire.

It happened about 5:15 p.m. Tuesday on Ahrens near Allen Genoa.

HFD District Chief Tommy Dowdy said Tuesday they suspected gas in the fire because the home's windows were blown out into the front yard.

A neighbor told 11 News he heard the blasts and ran over to help, but the flames were too intense.

The identity of the victim has yet to be released.

