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Update: Suspicious Death

St. Petersburg Police and Fire Rescue Departments have been investigating a suspicious death and fire at a home at 316 19th Ave NE.

We received a call at 9:29 a.m. on May 5, reporting a structure fire, but when firefighters arrived they discovered 38-year-old Tallmadge D'Elia (D.O.B. 12/16/1979) deceased inside the house.

The Pinellas County Medical Examiner determined that D'Elia's death was caused by an electronic cigarette lodged in the victim's skull, and it was accidental, not criminal, in nature.

The Fire Dept. is still investigating the cause of the fire.

For an additional information, please call St. Petersburg Fire Rescue Lt. Steve Lawrence 893-7709.

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