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## **County Homicide, Fire Marshal Investigating Fatal Car Fire in Rankin Borough**

**Rankin, Allegheny County** – At approximately 6:55 p.m. yesterday evening, the Rankin Fire department was notified of a vehicle fire on Fleet Street near the intersection of Pattison Avenue. There they found a small sedan with the interior smoldering. When they entered the vehicle and extinguished the fire, they discovered a person in the driver's seat. Paramedics pronounced the person dead at the scene. The victim appears to be a younger black male but investigators were not able to identify him.

Detectives from the Allegheny County Police Homicide Unit and Fire Marshal's investigators responded to the scene and initiated an investigation. It was determined that the vehicle had been parked in the same location as early as 1:45 p.m. yesterday afternoon. The Fire Marshall's office will continue their work today to determine the cause and origin of the fire. The Medical Examiner's office will conduct an autopsy today to determine cause and manner of death, during which they will positively identify the victim.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to call the Allegheny County Police Tip line at **1-833-ALL-TIPS** (1-833-255-8477); callers can remain anonymous. We can also be reached via our social media sites.

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