

## Authorities say Fatal Fort Collins Fire 'Suspicious'

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FORT COLLINS - A two-alarm fire leads to the death of a Ft. Collins woman in her mid-twenties. The fire broke out at 124 Yale Avenue just before noon Friday. When firefighters arrived on the scene they found heavy smoke coming from both the basement and the second floor of the home. Once they made a search they found the body of the woman on the second floor.



*The fire scene. May 30, 2008.*

Neighbor Jim Bird, says he spotted the heavy smoke coming from the home and called 911. He also called the woman's father, who was on his cell phone with his wife when smoke chokers removed the body of the young woman, believed to be his daughter from the burning building.

"It was horrible seeing his face when they brought her out," said Bird. "It was a look of pain and horror and I'll never forget how saddened he was."

Police are looking for the woman's 1997 dark blue Nissan Altima which they say is stolen. It has a spoiler on the trunk and the Colorado plate reads 015-kfh. One other thing, the license plate holder has like red skulls on it that appear to be flowers. If you see the car do not approach it or touch it simply call law enforcement.

A name and cause of death should be released tomorrow when the autopsy has been completed.

The fire is being termed very suspicious, in as much as there were two fires that appear to have been set. And police say they have talked with the live-in boyfriend and say he was at work at the time of the fires.

Since homicide investigators were on scene most of the day, it appears as if police are considering this to be a murder investigation.

## Deadly Fort Collins Fire Now a Murder Investigation

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FORT COLLINS  
(MyFoxColorado.com) - Authorities initially were calling Friday's Fort Collins house fire 'suspicious' - they are now calling it a murder.

Larimer County coroner's officials identified the woman Saturday as 20-year-old Linnea Dick of Fort Collins and said she died of asphyxia.

Authorities say the fires in the home were "intentionally set."

Firefighters went to the house Friday after a neighbor called 911 to report smoke. Police say firefighters found the house on fire and Dick's body in an upstairs bedroom. Another fire was burning in the basement.



*Police are investigating a suspicious house fire they believe may have been set to cover a murder.*

A cat died in the blaze. Another cat and a small dog were unharmed.

Police are investigating. They also are looking for Dick's car, described as a dark blue 1997 Nissan Altima with a rear spoiler.

Police say there are many people they need to speak to in connection with the fire and are beginning the interview process today.