



Further, there are also confidentiality issues, particularly with regard to the release of law enforcement records, due to the fact that two juveniles have been charged in this matter. *Tennessee Code Annotated* §37-1-154 specifically forbids the release of law enforcement records related to a prosecution of juveniles.

Therefore, based upon the fact that the investigation into this event is ongoing and that state law limits or forbids the release of information where juveniles are alleged to be responsible, all state and local agencies involved in the response to and investigation of this fire and the resulting devastation are unable to respond to these requests at this time. All of the information regarding this case that can legally be shared has already been made available. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Any information regarding the status of the case currently pending in the Sevier County Juvenile Court will be provided by the Sevier County Juvenile Court as allowed by state law. *Tennessee Code Annotated* 37-1-153 governs the release of information by juvenile courts.

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