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- Coroner Identifies Child Who Died in Joshua Tree House Fire
- Highland bicyclist air rescued in Loma Linda Hills
The county coroner has released the name of the victim of the fire as Gunner Hagood, 7, of Joshua Tree. On January 7, fire crews were called to the 62300 block of Crestview Drive at 11:56 a.m., with a report that two children—a 7-year-old boy and an 8-year-old girl—were trapped inside the home. County Fire Assistant Chief Scott Tuttle said the victims, which included two women—33 years old and 67 years old—who were in the house when the fire broke out, were taken to Hi-Desert Medical Center. From the hospital, helicopters transferred the pediatric patients to other area hospitals for further care, where Hagood died. The house was a total loss as fire crews battled the fire for about 90 minutes.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

On Sunday, Jan. 10, Highland resident Ronnie Santos, 57, was air rescued from Loma Linda Hills after he suffered injury while mountain biking.

According to a sheriff’s department press release, San Bernardino County Fire received a call of an injured mountain bike rider in the Loma Linda Hills at approximately 10 a.m. on Sunday. The victim was reported to be unconscious with head injuries.

Sheriff’s Helicopter Air Rescue 308 was requested to assist with a rescue and transportation of the victim to a local hospital. Due to the terrain and medical condition of the victim, the crew performed a hoist rescue.

Sheriff’s Air Medics P. Peng and G. Yee were hoisted down to the victim. He was placed in a rescue basket and hoisted back up to the aircraft. He was then transported to Loma Linda Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.