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South Brunswick man dies from burns caused by smoking while using oxygen tank

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SOUTH BRUNSWICK — A 66-year-old Kendall Park man who was found dead in his mobile home Sunday died from inhalation burns caused by trying to smoke a cigarette while using an oxygen tank, an autopsy has determined.

The victim, identified as Douglas Tribault, suffered from medical problems and required oxygen, according to South Brunswick police Sgt. Jim Ryan.

Ryan said police were summoned to the Oakdale Mobile Home Park on Route 1 about 2 p.m. to make a "well-being" check on the man after neighbors reported that he hadn't been seen for some time. He said the officers found the man dead.

Police found preliminary indications that the victim suffered burns, possibly while using the oxygen, Ryan said, and autopsy results released today confirmed that finding.

There were no other signs of fire in the mobile home, other than singeing on the victim's upper body and hands, Ryan said. The death appeared to be accidental.

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A map view of the Oakdale Mobile Home Park in South Brunswick, where a 66-year-old man died in a fire Sunday.