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Authorities in Cameron are waiting for autopsy results to learn the cause of death of a Cameron man and two of his children found Friday at the man's residence. Although an investigation is continuing, the deaths are believed to be accidental. A fire around a cook stove in the kitchen of the residence also was believed to be accidental, according to Cameron Police Public Affairs Officer Heath Henry. The cook stove is being investigated as the cause of the fire. The fire was out when authorities arrived on the scene late Friday afternoon.

The victims were 36-year old Robert Borchart, nine year old Chelsey Borchart, and seven year old Tucker Borchart. The children resided elsewhere in Cameron with their mother, but Officer Henry said the children did stay with their father on Thursday night. A relative said the mother found the victims. The two children were not in school on Friday, although class was in session by that time in Cameron. According to Officer Henry, Borchart lived alone at the 113 East Fourth Street home in Cameron.

There was fire damage in the kitchen and smoke throughout the residence, although the amount was not immediately announced. At approximately 4:41 on Friday afternoon, Cameron Police and Fire authorities were dispatched to the residence. There was a "smoke odor" evident, but no flames, according to Henry, when officers entered the home. It was not announced where the victims were located.

During a news conference on Saturday morning, Henry said the stove appeared to have been utilized. He said that contrary to various media reports on Friday night, there was NO evidence to indicate an explosion.

During a PAR Broadcast Group interview, Henry spoke in detail about the investigation:

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He was asked whether or not the blaze could have occurred hours before the victims were discovered:

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He did not release when the victims were last seen or heard from:

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That is Cameron Police Public Affairs Officer Heath Henry.