

## House where 4 shot dead gutted by fire

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DETROIT -- Investigators are probing the suspected arson fire Sunday of a home where four people were brutally killed earlier this week.

The home at 3030 Clairmount caught fire about 2 a.m. Sunday and firefighters about 8 a.m. Sunday went back to the scene because it rekindled, Detroit Fire Department officials said Sunday morning.

A damage or cause was not yet available Sunday morning, but arson investigators were contacted about the fire, officials said.

On Friday, **Patrick Albert Young Smith** was arraigned on four counts of felony murder and first-degree murder in the Thursday morning slayings of Jason Davis, 34; Lynette Lawson, 28, and her two children, Alexis Eppinger, 9, and Terrance Eppinger, 6, in Davis' home on Clairmount.

He is jailed without bond as he awaits his Oct. 30 preliminary exam.

Detroit Police Chief Ella Bully-Cummings said the adults were sleeping in one room and the children in another when they were killed in their sleep.

A high-powered assault weapon was used in the crime, according to autopsies conducted by the Wayne County medical examiner's office.

Investigators have recovered a weapon but not yet said if it was the one used in the shootings.

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