

DETROIT MAN , 21 , FOUND BEATEN , BURNED TO DEATH

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Detroit Arson investigators believe a **21** -year-old west-side resident may have been bludgeoned with a hammer, then his body set on fire Monday.

Firefighters responding **to** a house fire at 4:12 p.m. Monday **found** the front door ajar and smoke inside 15719 Rossini Drive, Detroit Fire Capt. Steve Varnas said this morning. When they went into a back bedroom, they **found** a claw hammer near the **man** 's burning, bloody body, he said.

"There was him burning - just him," Varnas said. "It's leaning toward definitely a homicide arson."

An autopsy by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office will officially determine the cause of **death** .

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