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FROM: LaSalle County Coroner's Office

The individual who died in the Sunday, January 14, 2024, fire at 414 2nd Ave., Ottawa, Illinois has been identified as:

Jacob R. Faltin-Medina, age 29, of Ottawa, Illinois.

The preliminary autopsy findings indicate that the decedent died of smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide intoxication as the result of the fire.

This incident remains under investigation by LaSalle County Coroner's Office, Ottawa Police and Fire Departments, and the Illinois State Fire Marshall.

Rich Ploch, LaSalle County Coroner