Police await positive ID on second victim
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Police and fire officials have identified one of two people killed in a fire that destroyed an apartment complex in west Fairbanks last week.
Jane Connolly, 55, of Fairbanks, was a resident in the 6-unit apartment building that burned on Geraghty Street early last Wednesday, according to Lt. Jim Gist with the Fairbanks Police Department.
Police believe they know the identity of the second victim, another woman, but are awaiting positive identification before releasing that information, Gist said.
“We believe it’s another tenant,” he said.
State medical examiners in Anchorage need to use DNA testing to get a positive identity, Gist said.
“It’s going to take some time,” Gist said.
Investigators found two beds in or near the apartment building at the time the fire was reported, according to Jeremy Geier, a spokesman for the Alaska Fire Service.
“With the fire at the first floor level, it’s not an easy job to access the apartments on the second floor,” Gist said.
Police are working with fire investigators to determine the cause of the blaze.

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Local cycling legend Reifenstuhl dies at 61
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Fairbanks cycling and endurance legend Rocky Reifenstuhl died Friday evening in Salt Lake City, Utah, at age 61.
Reifenstuhl, who had been in declining health for the past few years, died from an infection and heart problems, according to family members.
He was on a list to get a heart transplant at the time of his death, they said.

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