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MAYS LANDING – Authorities discovered a man's body while responding to a fire at the Central Pier on the Atlantic City Boardwalk this evening, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated Saturday.

Investigators have not yet determined the man's identity. Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park will perform an autopsy Sunday to determine the cause of death. Evidence in the case is that the man's death may be unrelated to this fire, Prosecutor Housel said. Two other people were discovered under the pier. They were transported to AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus. One was treated and released and the other is being treated for smoke inhalation. Their names are not being released at this time.

The fire may have been caused by homeless people seeking warmth, Prosecutor Housel stated. Atlantic City fire and police personnel responded to the fire, which started at approximately 5 p.m. The Central Pier is located at Tennessee Avenue and the Boardwalk. The Prosecutor's Office continues to investigate.

Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy Sunday night. The results are pending toxicology and other tests.

Prosecutor Housel stated, "We are confident that the death was not a traumatic homicide."

The Prosecutor said that the death pre-dates the most recent fire at the pier.

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