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(S.D.)-Fire That Killed Four In Rapid City Caused By Children

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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - Authorities say a fire that killed four people in a Rapid City housing complex was caused by children.

The November blaze at the five-apartment home killed 51-year-old Marcia Rock and her grandchildren, 9-year-old Thomas Rosado, 5-year-old Dustin Rosado and 3-year-old Marquez Hawk Wing.

Fire Department officials say the four victims were overwhelmed by smoke and heat before they could escape.

Mike Maltaverne, the Rapid City fire chief, calls it a tragic event. He says one of the worst problems in the community is children playing with fire, matches and fireworks.

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