

Fire Destroys Seventh Street Home, Contents

A wood frame house and all of its contents at 504 Seventh Street were destroyed in a fire Wednesday night.

North Wilkesboro Fire Chief Jimmy Martin said the fire began from an electrical short near a breaker box on the ground floor of the 1 ½-story wood frame house. Flames then spread up a

wall along the stairs to the top half floor and the attic.



Flames and smoke were coming from the roof of the 3,900-square-foot house when firefighters arrived, said Martin, adding that it was hard to reach the fire in the attic.

He said North Wilkesboro firefighters were dispatched about 11 p.m. Wednesday and were on the scene until about 3:25 a.m. Thursday (Thanksgiving Day). Assisting were the Broadway, Mulberry-Fairplains and Cricket fire departments.

Sarah Buchanan and Nathan Foster lived in the home, which Martin said was rented from Sherrill Faw Realty & Associates of North Wilkesboro. Tax records identified North Wilkesboro-based Shepherd Real Estate LLC as the owner.

Martin said there were no injuries, but the occupants lost everything they had in the house. He said the American Red Cross is assisting them with food, clothing and lodging.

The fire was at the far southern end of Seventh Street, near the First United Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro.

