

Sunshine Advocate

Body under bed in burning house, Peter Gontar, Aged 41

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Body Under Bed in Burning House

The body of a man was recovered late last night from under a bed in a burning house in Alfrieda Street, St. Albans.

Sunshine police received a call about 11.30 that a group of people were outside a house in Alfrieda Street and one of them was causing trouble.

Constables Humphreys and O' Neill went by patrol car to the scene and saw smoke pouring from the roof.

They had to break a door but were driven out by smoke. Using a garden hose they played water on the seat of the fire and at last were able to enter.

Meanwhile, the fire brigade and civil ambulance had been summoned.

In the house, the policemen found the body of Peter Gontar, 41, under a bed. He was taken to Footscray District Hospital, but was dead on arrival.