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FIRE MARS GLENS FALLS HOME

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GLENS FALLS - A fire heavily damaged a two-story house at 206 South St. at about noon Friday during the height of a lightning storm.

Officials were trying to determine the cause late Friday afternoon, but a neighbor said she heard lightning outside her window at the time the fire started.

When she looked outside, she saw flames along the back of the house.

"There were two great big cracks, " said Sherrie Galagan, describing the lightning.

Glens Falls Fire Chief Ronald Cote said the back of the house was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived.

"We are looking at anything that could have caused it, and lightning is one of the things we are looking at, " Cote said.

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The roof of the structure was destroyed. The second floor was heavily damaged, and the first floor sustained heat, fire and water damage, Cote said.

No one was home when the fire started, and no injuries were reported.

Roseann Anzalone, who lives in the house, said she was at work when a neighbor called her about the fire. She and her two teenage children, who were also working, rushed home upon hearing the news.

Anzalone said the house is insured.