# Passenger who started bus fire named

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Police have finally identified the passenger in last Sunday's incident that saw two persons perishing inside a burning bus in Fairview, Quezon City.

Officials of Bureau of Fire Protection-Quezon City (BFP-QC) identified the fatality as Edwin Dejos, 49.

Dejos and bus conductor Ameline "Amy" Sembrana died during the blaze that occurred shortly before noontime.

Fire Chief Inspector Joseph del Mundo, BFP- QC operations chief, said they discovered that Dejos and Sembrana were former live- in partners. They had three children.

Based on investigation, the two had an argument while inside the bus because Sembrana had found a new partner.

As they were quarreling, Dejos splashed gasoline on the woman and lit a fire. Not only did it burn the conductor, but it also sent the bus ablaze.

Passengers said they were able to escape the burning vehicle by breaking open the windows of the bus.

Both Dejos and Sembrana died in the fire.

Although the bus had a fire extinguisher, driver Valentino Obligacion has to run out of the vehicle to get it. In the process, his arm caught fire as he was reaching for it.

The bus was cruising along Pearl Drive near the corner of Commonwealth Avenue when the accident happened.

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Sembrana lef t nine children, including one-year-old twins, according to her father, Orlando.