Tesla car battery catches fire as crews demolish Md. home damaged in previous blaze

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Md. (7News) — A two-story Montgomery County, Maryland home destroyed in a fire from November 2024 caught fire again Wednesday, this time due to a Tesla car battery found at the scene, according to a Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) official.

Demolition crews were working at a home on 21700 Peachtree Road when the car battery caught fire sometime around 2:45 p.m. The fire was cleared as of 4:45 p.m. with salvage companies working to complete clean-up and removal efforts, according to MCFRS.

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Officials said the battery briefly went into a 'thermal runaway' partially due to damage from the Nov. 11, 2024 house fire that destroyed the home and damaged several vehicles.

uring the 2024 fire, police said they were called to the single-family home for a heavy fire, with crews encountering intense flames and having to bring in thousands of gallons of water.